

2020

Chardonnay

BECKER VINEYARD

100% CHARDONNAY

This Chardonnay comes exclusively from our historic Becker Vineyard on the Black Sage bench. Distinctive of a warmer site this Chardonnay is round and complete. On the nose aromas of golden apples, lemon zest, and stone fruit are complimented by subtle honey and vanilla. On the palate, Golden delicious apple and pear mingle with butter as well as accents of toasted almond. Well balanced, this Chardonnay has a lovely texture and refreshingly crisp acidity.

Becker Vineyard

Becker Vineyard was initially developed in 1977, as part of the pioneering Becker Project, which demonstrated that vitis vinifera could thrive in British Columbia. However, the property's potential for late ripening red varieties was first identified in 1993, and was replanted to Cabernet family varieties that year. Tucked up against the Okanagan Highland mountains, Becker Vineyard produces finessed, elegant wines from the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench.

ESTABLISHED

1993

ACRES

52.4

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ELEVATION

325-380m

The Vintage

2020 growing season was slow to start, with slightly higher than average rainfall and mild temperatures throughout the spring. Hot and dry conditions, typical of the South Okanagan climate prevailed from late Spring until harvest and were ideal for berry and tannin development. Fortunately, most of the harvest was completed before a sudden cold snap occurred towards mid October, ending harvest quite abruptly for the region. Although 2020 had a less than average harvest volume due to small berry size this resulted in more concentrated fruit flavours.

VINTAGE

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HARVEST DATE

September 29

MATURATION

6 months in 79% foudres,
21% in French oak.

BOTTLING DATE

August, 2021

RESIDUAL SUGAR

5.5 g/L

ALCOHOL

13.2%

TOTAL ACIDITY

4.95 g/L

pH

3.7

