

PHANTOM CREEK ESTATES

2020

Cuvée

PHANTOM CREEK VINEYARD

55% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 19.5% PETIT VERDOT,
12% MALBEC, 5.5% SYRAH, 5% CABERNET FRANC, 3% MERLOT

The 2020 Phantom Creek Cuvée, from an 8-acre vineyard on Black Sage Bench, boasts power, beauty, and decadence. Its lovely color is complemented by an enticing aroma of plum, cassis, ripe cherry, and hints of desert sage. The palate is rich with red currant, cherry, dark chocolate, and fresh fennel, accompanied by mouthwatering graphite, sage, and tobacco notes. While enjoyable now, its integrated tannins and fresh acidity promise aging potential.

Phantom Creek Vineyard

Established by pioneering viticulturist Richard Cleave, Phantom Creek Vineyard is located on the lower terrace of the Black Sage Bench just above the warm valley floor. Since the early 2000s, fruit from this property has been used for single vineyard bottlings, a tradition we proudly honour and continue today at the winery

ESTABLISHED
1996

ACRES
8.4

ELEVATION
316-333m

SOIL
Osoyoos Sandy Loam

The Vintage

In 2020, the growing season began slowly, with above-average rainfall and mild spring temperatures. From late spring to harvest, the South Okanagan experienced hot and dry conditions, perfect for developing berries and tannins. Harvest concluded before a sudden mid-October cold snap, bringing an abrupt end to the season. Although the harvest volume in 2020 was lower due to small berry size, this led to more concentrated fruit flavors.

HARVEST DATE
October 8-26

BOTTLING DATE
September 22, 2022

AGING POTENTIAL
15+ years

MATURATION
22 months in French Oak,
65% New

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.55 g/L

ALCOHOL
15.3%

TOTAL ACIDITY
5.8 g/L

pH
3.8

