



TINHORN CREEK

NATURALLY SOUTH OKANAGAN

2012 Oldfield Series Syrah

GRAPE VARIETIES
100% Syrah

HARVEST DATE: 19 – 30 October 2012
BOTTLING DATE: June 2013

REGION Okanagan Valley

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Sandra Oldfield
Viticulturist: Andrew Moon
Brix at Harvest: 23.8
Alcohol: 14.1%
Bottling Date: June 2015
Residual Sugar: <2.0g/L
PH: 3.7
TA: 6.8

VINEYARD

Diamondback Vineyard (Black Sage Bench)
Aspect: South - West
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sand
Vine Age: 11 years

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Tinhorn Creek (Golden Mile Bench)
Aspect: East
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sandy gravel
Vine Age: 10 years

VINTAGE 2012

After back to back cooler than average vintages, 2012 was a welcome return to typical warm Okanagan summer and cool autumn. The vineyards were in very good condition leading up to harvest and there was little to no sorting of fruit in the vineyard or winery. Some minor green harvesting was completed at the start of veraison to ensure even ripening at picking time.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were destemmed and crushed before cold settling on skins for 3 days. The wine was then inoculated and slowly allowed to warm naturally and then temperature was maintained with a combination of punch downs and pump-overs to optimize colour extraction without forcing out too much tannin. The wines were then pressed to new and second fill French Oak barrels prior to completing primary fermentation to mitigate tannin extraction in alcohol phase; and kept on lees and topped regularly over 18 months before being bottled. It was then aged in bottle for a year to allow proper bottle conditioning to occur and bring out the true complexities of this great variety.

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple colour that is opaque in the glass. Rich and savory nose of soy and Asian spices, with a subtle white pepper lift. Lots of blackberries and currants give a deep brooding nose. Palate has a brightness to it with plenty of pretty red berry fruit, dried herbs and a deep espresso richness in the finish. Lots of grip and heat give this wine plenty of power and length.

Cases made: 180

Cellaring potential: 8 - 10 years

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