



TINHORN CREEK

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2015 Chardonnay

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay
HARVEST DATE: Sept 4 – Oct 6, 2015
BOTTLING DATE: June 2016
REGION: Okanagan Valley

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS
Winemaker: Andrew Windsor
Viticulturist: Andrew Moon
Brix at Harvest: 21.8-25.1
Alcohol: 14%
Residual Sugar: <3.0 g/L
PH: 3.82 TA: 6.15

VINEYARD: Diamondback Vineyard
(Black Sage Bench)
Aspect: South - West
Vine Orientation: North - South
Soil: Sand
Vine Age: 18 years

2015 VINTAGE: It was another hot vintage in 2015 with a record early harvest at Tinhorn Creek. We had budburst a month earlier than average and that led to a lot of work in the vineyard in the spring to keep up with the rapid growth of the vines. The vines were enjoying the heat as we cycled through flowering, berry formation and veraison at record pace. The wine is comprised of four different vineyard blocks on the Black Sage Bench and picked over the course of a month in order to express a wide range of flavours due to varying degrees of ripeness.

VINIFICATION: With the earlier hand harvested fruit and the later machine harvested fruit, this is a story of two (well four, actually) separate wines. We whole cluster pressed the early harvested fruit and fermented it in stainless steel barrels and tanks with selected yeast strains, and then took the machine harvested fruit and fermented it in oak (French and American) using only native yeast. The barrel portion went through malolactic fermentation, while the stainless component retained a great freshness in the wine.

TASTING NOTES: Beautiful emerald hue in the glass shows the youthful side of this Chardonnay. Nose is full of spice and tropical fruit, with hints of honey, minerals and lime. Palate is rich and textured with biscotti and graham cracker, before quickly shifting to plum skin and lemon zest in the bright long finish.

Cases made: 1866

Cellaring potential: 3 - 5 years

Suggested retail: \$19.49 CDN

TINHORN CREEK VINEYARDS

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