



300 cases

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RICHARD'S BLOCK PINOT NOIR | 2023

Our father Richard Stewart was instrumental in bringing Pinot Noir to the Okanagan Valley in 1975; today it is the most widely planted red varietal at Quails' Gate. Our Pinot Noirs are broadly acclaimed for their quality and unique sense of place, regularly receiving local, national and international accolades. Richard's Block is named for our father and represents a special offering within our portfolio of award-winning Pinot Noirs.

2023 VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season brought both challenge and reward. A notably cold winter gave way to record levels of Okanagan sunshine, resulting in a smaller, high-quality crop and the earliest harvest in Quails' Gate history. The resulting wines show concentrated flavours, ripe tannins, and generous structure, reflecting both the intensity of the season and the character of an unprecedented early harvest.

WINEMAKING

Entirely hand-picked from the estate vineyard from a mix of Burgundian clones (65% clone 115 & 35% clone 777). Fully destemmed and fermented on skins in stainless open top tanks for 18 days, using a mix of pump overs and gentle punch downs. Barrelled, aged 14 months, in a combination of new and old French oak.

| ALCOHOL | ACIDITY | pH | RESIDUAL SUGAR |
|---------|---------|-----|----------------|
| 14% | 5.2 g/L | 3.7 | 0.1 g/L |

TASTING NOTES

Opening with delicate floral notes of rose petal and sagebrush, this wine is balanced with soft ripe tannin and a rounded acidity. Flavours of black cherry, Damson plum, and cocoa are layered intricately with clove and chocolate that concludes with a rich, savory finish. A refined example from a historic vintage, best enjoyed at room temperature or lightly chilled to showcase this wine's depth of character.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

Enjoy with stuffed spaghetti squash, duck breast and spiced plum sauce, or grilled Wagyu beef.