

Cuvée Dorée 2019

2019 is the inaugural year for the release of Cuvée Dorée. Think of our classic Ava blend, but aged twice as long and none aged in concrete or stainless: all Fench oak of the standard 225L and larger 500L puncheons. Take the Ava profile, make it richer, fuller, rounder, and more sultry. There is serious midpalate weight here and a finish that is, frankly, monumental. This wine is proof in the pudding that Canada's only pocket desert perfectly suits these late-ripening Rhone originating white noble grapes. The South Okanagan Valley may one day be a legitimate challenger for the best place on earth to grow them.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Meat-based: Herb-crusted quail or chicken with cornbread stuffing served with apricot jus or a side dish of roasted potatoes in herb de Provence.

Plant-based: A mild spicy noodle dish like Pad Thai or even a mixed vegetable stir fry would pair perfectly

GROWN: Black Sage Bench

CÉPAGE: 64.5% Roussanne, 23.7% Marsanne,

11.8% Viognier

VINEYARD: 50.6% Sev's, 49.4% Le Vieux Pin

SOIL ORIGIN: Glacio fluvial fan

SOIL TYPE: Mostly sandy loam with few pockets of gravel

loam

AGE OF VINES: 13-18 year old vines

YIELD: Average of 3.4 tons/acre

AGING: 16 months in French oak barrels, 52% puncheon,

38% new

BATONNAGE: Twice a week for the first 4 months, then once a

week

PRODUCTION: 211 cases

SWEETNESS: Dry
ALCOHOL: 13.8%

