

LE VIEUX PIN

Équinoxe Cabernet Franc 2012

THE WINEMAKERS NOTES

Équinoxe: equal day, equal night. Equal heat of the day, equal cool of the night. Equal old world, equal new world.

This Cabernet Franc from the single vineyard la feuille d'or in the heart of the Golden Mile was the first wine that opened our eyes to the potential uniqueness of the wines of South Okanagan. Here, we get elements of both the old and the new world. The lushness and fruit intensity of the new world, marries the structure, acid, nuanced aromatics and complexity of the old world.

2012 was a return to a classic Okanagan growing season: hot days, cool night with dry conditions lead to the lowest yields for this block ever. The vines were cropped at 0.8 tons per acre (compared to average of 3.5-4 tons for quality minded growers). Grilled Bell pepper dolmatas, stella cherry, spicy vintage cigar, vintage leather, blueberry bran scone and other hard to pin point complex aromas greet you on the nose. There is a big weight and some spice present on the palate with a finish that lasts for well over a minute. A monumental wine that is a must buy for lovers of Cabernet Franc.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Arrachera and tripe beef Fajita with padron peppers are personal favorites.

REVIEWS

John Schreiner – Not yet released, this powerful wine could pass for a Barolo. The immense concentration of texture and flavours results from cropping the vines at 8/10 of a ton an acre and from aging the wine 26 months in French oak. The wine begins with aromas of black cherry, blackberry and black currants. On the palate, the texture is bold, with flavours of black currant, dark chocolate, coffee and spice. **(95 points)**

THE DETAILS

GRAPE VARIETY: *100% Cabernet Franc*
REGION: *Golden Mile*
VINEYARD: *La Feuille D'Or*
SOIL TYPE: *Clay, alluvial, silt and rock*
AGE OF VINES: *20 Years old*
YIELD: *0.8 tons/acre*
PRODUCTION SIZE: *25 cases (single barrigue)*
ALCOHOL: *14.60%*
AGING: *26 months in Connellerie Boute Grand Reserve french oak barrigues, 100% new*

