

2019 ENSEMBLE



Vineyard: Wits End and Rattlesnake, Naramata; Knorr, Kelowna

Blend: 67% Sauvignon Blanc, 33% Semillon

Alcohol: 11.9%

pH: 3.11

Total acid: 7.05g/l

Residual sugar: 2.5g/l

Harvested: September & October 2019

Bottled: 9th March 2021

Released: 25th June 2021

WINEMAKING

- modelled on the Graves style from Bordeaux
- hand harvested and gently pressed with some fruit receiving a short amount of skin contact
- free run juice was cold settled before 41% was racked to French barrels (20% new oak and 80% neutral oak) and 33% racked to Stainless Steel barrels.
- remaining 26% of free run juice was fermented in concrete egg tanks then matured in neutral French oak.
- ferments ranged from 4 – 12 weeks
- the Ensemble spent a total of 10 months in barrel sur lie
- each barrel was tasted and only the best selected for this Reserve wine
- careful blending and light filtration prior to bottling
- aged for a further 5 months prior to release

TASTING NOTE

The 2019 Ensemble is a well-integrated blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon that has fragrances of white frangipani, mandarin and lemon thyme and shows a honeyed warmth throughout with a rich texture. A fresh vibrant wine yet complex, brimming with lemon sorbet, lychee, honeydew melon and tarragon, finishing with notes of lanolin and golden hay that is typical of aged Semillon.

Quite easily enjoyed upon release, our Ensemble can be aged for the next 5-10 years from release to experience a richness that further development will bring.