



ARNEIS 2019

VARIETY: 100% ARNEIS
PRODUCTION: 2,276 litres (equivalent to 253 CASES)
ALC./VOL.: 14.1%
OTHER: pH 3.36, TA 5.2 g/L, RS 11.6 g/L
CSPC: + 313387

THE GRAPES

Arneis (literally: little rascal, in Piemontese) is a white grape variety originating from the Piedmont region of Italy, where it is most commonly found in the hills of Roero. To the best of our knowledge, Moon Curser is the only producer of this grape variety in Canada.

VINTAGE REPORT

In 2019 spring arrived a little later than usual in Osoyoos, but was quite mild with temperatures just shy of 20°C. Summer brought high heat, with only small amounts of rain at appropriate times, allowing the vines to catch up from the late spring. Cooler temperatures towards the end of the summer allowed for the development of both bright, lively acidity and balanced, complex flavour profiles. Heavy rainfall in early September, and a cold snap in early October provided some difficulties during harvest but did not affect the quality or integrity of Moon Curser grapes. This season allowed for incredible flavour development, balanced accumulation of sugars and acid, resulting in naturally balanced wines.

VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Moon Curser Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect and slope.
- Soil: loamy sand with silica and granite composition.
- Harvest date: October 14, 2019
- Brix at harvest: 23.4 Brix

WINEMAKING

- Grapes hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, then sorted again prior to destemming and pressing.
- Cool fermentation at approx. 15°C in variable capacity 1,500 L stainless steel fermenters.
- Cooperage: stainless steel
- Malolactic Fermentation: NO
- Lees Stirring: NO
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Vegan: YES
- Bottled: March 2020

TASTING NOTES

Our “little rascal” for 2019 is a light to medium-bodied white wine with a pale straw color in the glass. The intense nose presents notes of gooseberry, sage and beeswax, followed by notes of lime rind, nectarine, quince and a bright minerality on the palate. The acidic backbone provides a very nice framework for the flavours to linger and form a long finish. Arneis is an elegant, crisp yet mouth-filling wine that is ready to drink now and will be best enjoyed over the next two to three years.