

LE VIEUX PIN *Syrah 2009*

THE WINEMAKER'S NOTES

In contrast with 2008, the 2009 vintage was hot from the get go and the sun shone until the early frost in the second week of October. The resulting wines show riper fruit, rounded acidity, slightly higher alcohol levels and other characteristics associated with a warm vintage.

The 2009 Syrah is comprised of fruit grown in two different sub appellations in the South Okanagan Valley. Again fermented with a few percent Viognier the resulting effort is a very complex wine with deep well set colour.

While it combines elements of both the old and new world, our Syrah leans more toward what you would expect from France - hence the name. The wine is nuanced, elegant and refined.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Centuries ago the black pepper spice trade launched voyages, wars and epic tales. Today we suggest trying a black pepper crusted New York Steak paired with the 2009 Syrah to fill the air with all that peppery goodness.

ACCOLADES AND REVIEWS

91 Points - John Schreiner: "Made with fruit from three south Okanagan vineyards, this wine begins with an appealing red fruit aroma. On the palate, there are flavours of plum and black cherry with spice and white pepper on the finish. The tannins are round and ripe."

90 Points - David Lawrason: "This could very easily be syrah from the Rhône Valley. It has a lovely, floral, blackberry, licorice and peppery nose buffed with some new oak vanilla and smoke. It's medium-full bodied, smooth and a touch sweet but in-filled with great black licorice and ripe blackberry. The finish trails some minerality and sage, hitting excellent length. Best 2013 to 2018."

THE DETAILS

GRAPE VARIETY:	<i>Mostly Syrah with few percent Viognier co-ferment</i>
REGION:	<i>Golden Mile, Black Sage Bench, North Oliver, South Okanagan, B.C., Canada</i>
VINEYARD:	<i>Dead man, Lavender Ridge, Le Pin and Crowley</i>
SOIL TYPE:	<i>Gravel and schist from morainal and fluvial origin, sandy loam, sand and silty loam</i>
AGE OF VINES:	<i>Between 5 and 10</i>
HARVESTED:	<i>Sept 30, Oct 1, Oct 2, Oct 6 and Oct 12</i>
YIELD:	<i>3.2 tons per acre</i>
PRODUCTION SIZE:	<i>975 cases</i>
SWEETNESS:	<i>Dry</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.3%</i>
AGING:	<i>16 months in French oak, 38% new</i>

2009 Syrah
BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY
The complexity and elegance of the old world
The exuberance and lush fruit of the new world
Syrah in our region is a remarkable wine. It has enchanted us from vineyard to bottle and it will captivate you in the glass.

	
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REGION	<i>Okanagan Valley</i>
TONS PER ACRE	<i>3.2</i>
GROWN	<i>Dead Man Lake / Black Sage Bench</i>
SOIL	<i>gravel, clay, & shale / mostly sandy</i>
AGING	<i>16 months in French oak, 38% new</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>975 cases</i>
CLARIFICATION	<i>unfined & unfiltered</i>
VINTAGE	<i>2009</i>
14.3% alc/vol	750 ml