

Cuvée Dorée 2021

2021 marks the third-ever release of Cuvée Dorée. Think of our classic Ava blend, but aged twice as long and none of the lots are aged in concrete or stainless: instead all Fench oak of the standard 225L and larger 500L puncheons. Take the Ava profile, make it richer, fuller, rounder, and sultrier. There is serious mid-palate 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.

Thanks to the extra heat units of the very hot 2021 growing season, there are even extra layers of richness and depth to an already complete wine. Touch exotic and infinitely delicious. Do not miss out on this release and certainly make sure some bottles are tucked away for the mid-term, as this wine will be gracefully ageing for years to come.

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 a Mixed Vegetable Stir Fry would pair marvelously.

CÉPAGE:	56% Roussanne, 44% Viognier
GROWN:	Black Sage Bench
VINEYARD:	Le Grand Pin and Sev's Vineyards
SOIL TYPE:	Varied
AGE OF VINES:	14-18 year old vines
YIELD:	Average of 3.6 tons/acre
AGING:	16 months in French oak barrels, 34% new oak,47% puncheon
PRODUCTION:	228 cases
SWEETNESS:	Dry
ALCOHOL:	14.5%

Apricots, Wildflowers, Honeysuckle, Vanilla, Round, Decadent, Lingering

