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***In 1993, replanting began in vineyards selected
for their ability to produce world class,
premium quality grapes. Thus began the
dream that is now
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery.***

*Celebrating the past
and eagerly embracing the future,
our wine list highlights the progression of
Burrowing Owl Estate wines
through the years.*

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SPARKLING WINE	5oz Glass	8.5oz Can	Bottle
Maverick Estate Winery Ella Brut Rosé	-	-	\$75
Stoneboat “Piano” Brut	\$13	-	\$65
Wild Goose Frisch N/V	-	\$14	-
WHITE WINE			
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris 2021	\$10	\$32	\$50
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc 2020	\$12	\$35	\$56
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay 2019	\$13	\$39	\$64
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Viognier 2019	\$16	\$50	\$80
ROSÉ WINE			
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Rosé 2021	\$12	\$35	\$56
RED WINE			
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot 2018	\$14	\$41	\$67
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec 2018	\$17	\$52	\$84
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc 2016	\$15	\$46	\$75
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah 2016	\$15	\$45	\$74
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir 2019	\$15	\$45	\$74
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2018	\$17	\$52	\$84
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene 2016	\$16	\$50	\$80
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage 2016	\$21	\$63	\$105
Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Petit Verdot 2015	\$17	\$51	\$85

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The newest member of the family

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Pinot Gris is the white varietal that is most associated with the Okanagan.

Wines made with this varietal run the gambit in flavour:

~ lime ~ lemon ~ pear ~ melon ~ nectarine ~ stone fruit ~ honey ~ apple

2019 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$60 bottle

An intense and aromatic nose of grapefruit zest, Anjou pear, honeydew melon, white peach, lemon and cilantro with a touch of white flowers and honey. The dry, crisp and fresh medium-bodied palate adds nectarine, apple, blood orange and just a hint of camomile.

2017 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$65 bottle

Quintessential BC Pinot Gris with intense aromas of pear, honeydew melon and lots of lemon and grapefruit zest. Some cilantro, spice, apple and citrus blossom add complexity. The palate is dry, soft and round textured balanced by crisp racy acidity. Fresh citrus, tree fruits and baking spice lead into a long, mineral wet stone finish.

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$65 bottle

The South Okanagan style of the 2016 Pinot Gris shows great aromatic complexity, substance and freshness. Bartlett pear, honeydew melon, peach, and apricot build up on the nose with hints of grapefruit, apple blossom, and honeycomb, combined with mineral and herbal undertones. It is dry with layers of tropical and orchard fruits wrapped with refreshing citrus and key lime flavours that linger on the palate.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$65 bottle

The 2015 Pinot Gris opens on an intense nose of the classic Pinot Gris aromas of pear, peach and honeydew melon along with some more exotic notes of apple blossom, grapefruit and pineapple. The palate is dry with crisp acidity and shows lush, ripe and intense peach, nectarine, baked pear and lots of lemony citrus zest on the long refreshing finish.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$70 bottle

The nose on the 2014 Pinot Gris opens with seductive, ripe expressions of pear, honeydew melon and nectarines, with white flower, cardamom and pine needle undertones. The palate has a mouth-filling richness with layers of orchard fruits, cantaloupe and yellow plum, balanced with hints of mandarin rind and a chalky minerality.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$70 bottle

The 2013 Pinot Gris shows pronounced intensity of summer fruit aromas. On the palate it fills the mouth with a rich and round texture that is perfectly balanced with a zesty apple acidity providing vibrancy to the wine. Its concentrated flavours of pink grapefruit, Asian pear, apple and nectarine, mesh together well with a hint of spice on a lingering finish.

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Pinot Gris continued

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Gris

\$75 bottle

This wine has a soft and welcoming nose of Asian pear, nectarine, cantaloupe melon, and apple blossom and lemon zest; with hints of tropical fruit and baking spice. Dry with balanced acidity, and a round mouthfeel.

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Sauvignon Blanc translates into “wild white” and the adjectives used to describe it bear witness to that definition.

~ grassy ~ flinty ~ citrus ~ gooseberry ~ melon ~ peach ~ apple & pear ~ tropical fruit

2018 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc \$60 bottle

A complex and intriguing nose showing vanilla and caramel custard alongside green pepper, jalapeño, fresh green bean and passionfruit yoghurt with some spice and savoury lees notes. The palate shows zingy acidity and bright nectarine, gooseberry, lemon, kiwi, basil and lemongrass with a creamy texture and notes of caramel and smoky bacon.

2017 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc \$65 bottle

A complex and intense nose with lots of vanilla, caramel and hazelnut combining with ripe peach, gooseberry, banana and mango and fresh grassy and green bell pepper notes. The palate is full bodied, intense and powerful with crisp acidity. The toasty oak is well integrated and combines nicely with the passionfruit, stone fruit and mineral wet stone notes on the long finish.

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc \$70 bottle

The 2016 Sauvignon Blanc opens on an intense nose combining grassy freshness with ripe citrus and orchard fruits. There is honeydew melon, peach, apple, pear, mandarin and a little honey, gooseberry and dried sage. It is dry, crisp and racy on the palate with a beautiful texture from lees and barrel ageing and powerful flavours of lemon zest, apple peel and lots of stony minerality on the very long finish.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc \$70 bottle

Aromatic and intense, this Sauvignon Blanc opens to a complex combination of peach, pear and cantaloupe overlying subtle, toasty vanilla, oak and hazelnut undertones. The palate has both richness and freshness. It is dry, with crisp acidity and powerful flavours of lemon, passion fruit and stone fruit. The finish is long and integrates nut and lees notes beautifully with the generous fruit.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc \$75 bottle

Subtle flavours of fresh cut grass, lemon and passionfruit intermingle on the nose with vanilla, leafy and candied fruit undertones. The palate is rich with a harmoniously woven mouthfeel combining green apple, white peach, passion fruit with leafy, nectarine and fresh marjoram notes. Balance is built on a medium acidity and a mellowed texture that add weight to the wine which ends on a seductive citrusy, woody and mineral finish.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc \$80 bottle

A rich and lifted bouquet shows true to this aromatic varietal as it offers scents of lemon rind, passion fruit, guava, and gooseberry mingled with some vanilla toastiness on the nose from barrel ageing. This wine is medium bodied and balanced with a zesty mouth-watering acidity making for a rich yet fresh style. There is a creamy texture on the palate from its ageing on lees that is nicely interwoven with concentrated flavours of melon, guava, passion fruit and grapefruit pith with seductive vanilla smoke nuances lingering on the finish.

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Sauvignon Blanc continued

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Sauvignon Blanc

\$85 bottle

This wine has a nice combination of richness, and freshness. The nose shows dusty vanillin notes from the barrel with complex lemon, dried sage, baked apple, spiced pear, gooseberry, green melon, paw paw and a hint of flowers. On the palate, there is a crisp acidity giving zing to support the creamier texture from the oak and lees.

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Viognier (*pronounced "Vee-Own-Yay"*) is a white varietal common in the Rhone Valley and is the only permitted grape in the French wine Condrieu. Viognier is a little lighter than a chardonnay so many people find it more approachable. Common flavour characteristics include:
apricot~peach~honeysuckle

2017 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Viognier

\$85 bottle

An exotic yet fresh nose combining floral honeysuckle and jasmine notes with pear, white peach, mango, lemon sorbet and grapefruit. The palate is dry and full bodied, nicely balancing richness with crisp acidity. Intense flavours spanning lemon, peach skin, apricot, papaya, Asian pear and subtle honey, clove and cinnamon spice linger through the long finish.

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Chardonnay runs the gambit from crisp clean wine, teeming with apple and tropical fruit; to rich full-bodied wines balancing creamy texture, butter & caramel notes with acidic complexity.

~ citrus ~ lemon ~ apple ~ tropical fruit ~ pineapple ~ melon ~ cinnamon ~ oak ~ vanilla ~ toast ~ butter ~ smoke
~ marshmallow ~ earthy ~ mushroom

2017 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay \$80 bottle

A fruit driven Chardonnay full of ripe peach, mango, banana, papaya and lemon sherbet with layers of nut, popcorn, caramel and vanillin oak. Full bodied and rich on the palate with crisp acidity and flavours of exotic tropical fruit, white peach, poached pear and fresh notes of lemon zest and grapefruit mixing with the toasty oak, shortbread and custard.

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay \$80 bottle

Ripe fruit and nicely integrated oak meld together in this modern, restrained Chardonnay. Vanilla, nut and popcorn barrel notes mix with white peach, banana, cantaloupe melon, pear and a lemon on the nose. The palate starts with a creamy texture before the crisp, fresh juicy citrus acidity and minerality kick in.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay \$80 bottle

A restrained, crisp and fresh Chardonnay that nicely balances aromas of ripe cantaloupe melon and peach fruit with complex popcorn, hazelnut, and lemon notes. The palate is medium-bodied, has crisp mineral acidity and intense lemon zest, nectarine, peach and some interesting subtle nutty oak notes in the background. The finish is long, crisp and refreshing with layers of flavours of savoury lees and fruit complexity that unfold in the glass

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay \$85 bottle

Ripe peach, nectarine and tropical pineapple and papaya notes on the nose with some well integrated subtle toasty oak and fresh mandarin and lemon citrus notes to add complexity. The palate is full-bodied and rich textured but with crisp balancing acidity. Lemon, lime, peach, toasted nut, pineapple, caramel, vanilla, mango and green melon make for a complex palate, heightened with well integrated oak. The finish is crisp and refreshing. Shows the ripe fruitiness of the 2014 vintage with winemaking restraint.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay \$85 bottle

The 2013 vintage balances freshness and ripeness with subtly-used French oak. The nose shows lemon, nectarine, hints of banana and pineapple with notes of nut, lees and well-integrated dusty oak. The palate is crisp, medium bodied with a beautiful, silky texture.

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Chardonnay continued

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay

\$95 bottle

The nose shows the ripeness of the vintage with nectarine, peach, baked golden apple and tropical notes along with some vanilla, hazelnut and fresh lemon zest. The palate is quite full with crisp, zingy acidity that nicely contrasts the ripe pineapple, apple, peach, spiced pear, caramel apple, subtle oak and crème brûlée notes that linger on the long finish.

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay

\$95 bottle

The nose leads with lemon, peach, honeydew melon and subtly integrated vanilla custard oak along with savoury lees aromas. The palate combines weight with vivacity with a creamy, soft and rich palate backed up with lively acidity and flavours of nectarine, grapefruit, papaya and subtle caramel notes that linger on the finish.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay

\$100 bottle

This wine has a complex and intense nose with fresh lemon, honeydew melon, peach, golden apple and subtle aromas of toasted almond and butter notes. The palate is medium-plus in body and beautifully balanced with crisp acidity, fresh lemon, grapefruit zest and apple along with some riper nectarine and cantaloupe melon before the nutty character from delicately used oak kicks in on the long finish.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay

\$100 bottle

This wine shows intense nectarine, caramelized pineapple and citrus aromas that mingle beautifully with the vanilla crème brûlée notes from barrel fermentation. The palate is rich with ripe peach, cantaloupe, and savoury elements from the lees contact and a fresh lemon intensity that lingers.

2005 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Chardonnay *

\$105 bottle

This wine has green apples, toasted almonds, slate, vanilla and some tropical fruit on the nose. On the palate, the rich mouth feel is balanced by a great acidity. The length is as long as the hot summer nights.

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Pinot Noir is the heartbreaker of the wine world. It lives, breathes, and evolves like no other wine. Difficult to grow and to vinify, it is light in colour & (usually) in body, and should possess a great acidity.

~ cranberry ~ cherry ~ raspberry ~ vanilla ~ licorice ~ dry clove ~ mushrooms ~ earthy

2017 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$85 bottle

The slightly cooler 2017 vintage has made for a vibrant Pinot Noir. Ripe cherry, potpourri, orange zest, raspberry, shortbread, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla notes meld for a fresh and complex nose. The palate is juicy and lively, light in body and tannin and silky textured, packed with flavours of dried cherry, ripe strawberry and raspberry overlaid with a little cream, spice and finishing long, crisp and with a savoury dried herbal complexity.

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$90 bottle

A nose of ripe yet juicy strawberry, raspberry and plum with liquorice spice, vanilla, cherry pie and some leather, meat, dried sage and toasty oak aromas. The palate is silky textured with light elegant tannins and flavours of ripe cherry, strawberry, some subtle meaty notes and a little savoury dried herb note on the long finish.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$90 bottle

A rich, ripe Pinot Noir. The nose shows ripe black cherry, dried fig, black forest cake, dark chocolate vanilla and pretty violet floral notes. The palate is intense and rich with silky tannins. Flavours of liqueur chocolate cherries, plum, cocoa and black cherry with some complex liquorice and baking spice.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$95 bottle

A complex nose combining earthy and savoury burlap, pipe tobacco and sweet vegetal notes with lots of ripe black cherry, strawberry and raspberry fruit. There is even a hint of game meat, nut, vanilla and some orange zest. The palate is rich and silky with crisp acidity and lots of bright raspberry and strawberry, dried blueberry, pepper, clove spice, cocoa and a hint of dried sage on the long finish.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$95 bottle

The 2013 Pinot Noir releases a concentrated nose of raspberry coulis on a background canvas of violet, soft spice, meaty and vanillin undertones. The palate is coated with intense flavours of wild strawberries and baked dark berries perfectly framed by a juicy acidity and prolonged by notes of cedar, cloves, vanilla and hints of graphite.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$105 bottle

An intense nose starting with ripe black cherry, plum and cooked mixed berries with some complex earthy, clove, game meat and orange infused mint chocolate. The palate is rich, lush and silky, balanced with crisp acidity and a nice savoury side of spice, earth, dried sage, potpourri, pastry crust and dry forest floor flavour with a long finish.

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Pinot Noir continued

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$105 bottle

This wine shows the bright, red fruit side of Pinot Noir with lots of ripe cherry, baked strawberry and prune plum notes along with some complex subtle earth, five-spice and pipe tobacco. The palate is soft and silky with elegant light tannins and waves of black cherry, blueberry, strawberry, earth, mineral and slightly meaty notes that linger on a long finish.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$110 bottle

Intense aromas of black cherry, ripe strawberry, lilac and complex graphite, orange zest, cinnamon, vanilla scented pastry and marzipan notes. The palate is intensely flavoured with strawberry, lively cranberry, orange infused dark chocolate and vibrant minerality to balance the silky texture. Fine tannins and juicy acidity give great structure and length.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$110 bottle

This wine combines fruity cherry and strawberry notes along with more mysterious and complex earth, spice, orange zest and forest floor. The palate is dry, silky in texture, with intense flavours of raspberry, cherry, clove, game meat and tobacco that keep evolving on the long finish.

2008 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Pinot Noir

\$115 bottle

This wine has a nice bright terracotta core with a raspberry rim appearance. The nose consists of red forest fruit, and subtle earth tones long associated with Pinot Noir. On the palate, the earth and forest fruit continue to dominate with refined silky, elegant tannins and balanced acidity.

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Merlot can be exceptional both in a blending varietal, used often to soften the tannins of its blending partners; or drunk on its own as a fruit forward, soft textured wine. Controlling its rapid growth in warm climates is paramount as its early ripening nature can spiral into a flat jammy quality if left unchecked.

Along with Cabernet Sauvignon, it is the predominant grape in the world-famous Bordeaux wines.

~ berry ~ black cherry ~ plum ~ chocolate

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot (Magnum) \$150 bottle

Combining elegance and structure, the nose opens with toasty oak, dark chocolate, coffee and bacon alongside black plum, black cherry, prune studded fruit cake and with complex tobacco, clove, shortbread and floral notes. The palate is full and rich with firm, ripe, dusty tannins and sage, paprika, black licorice and roasted red capsicum to go alongside the cocoa powder, espresso and ripe mulberry fruit.

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot \$85 bottle

Combining elegance and structure, the nose opens with toasty oak, dark chocolate, coffee and bacon alongside black plum, black cherry, prune studded fruit cake and with complex tobacco, clove, shortbread and floral notes. The palate is full and rich with firm, ripe, dusty tannins and sage, paprika, black licorice and roasted red capsicum to go alongside the cocoa powder, espresso and ripe mulberry fruit.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot \$85 bottle

Loads of ripe baked plum, black cherry, red berries and liquorice and clove spice with complex notes of shortbread, dried sage, cedar and hints of leather in the background. The palate is dry and full-bodied with balanced acidity and firm ripe tannins that give structure for aging. Blackberry, black plum, dark chocolate and pie crust with savoury leather notes and orange zest make for a complex palate with a long finish.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot \$90 bottle

From the warm 2014 vintage comes this lush fruited and complex Merlot. The nose shows damson plum, violets, black cherry, vanilla, Christmas cake and complex baking spices. The palate is soft, rich, ripe and round with intense dark chocolate dipped liqueur cherries, black plums, blueberry, a full body, smooth tannins and liquorice, dried sage and spice notes on the long finish.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot \$95 bottle

A mix of brambly red berry fruit on the nose with paprika, roasted red pepper, stewed plum, black cherry, dark chocolate and violet along with some sweet vanillin pastry crust. The palate is dry, full bodied and has nice vibrant mixed red and black brambly berry fruit, crisp acidity, the punch of blackberry, juiciness of plum, blueberry, smooth tannins and dark chocolate, dried thyme and some dusty earth.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot \$100 bottle

This is a full-bodied red that offers a plush mouthfeel loaded with concentrated flavours of stewed plum, blackberry, mocha and toast with some cedar spices on the long complex finish. The tannins are well integrated and supple with a hint of grip that provides structure for the lush and opulent fruit.

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Merlot continued

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$100 bottle

An intriguing combination of complex spices, silky texture and juicy red fruits. On the nose there is dusty cocoa and vanilla notes, plum, spiced cherry, mulberry and blueberry with complex paprika, cinnamon and smoke in the background. The palate is full bodied and balanced by crisp acidity and ripe tannins.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$105 bottle

This wine launches with a complex nose combining the fruitiness of ripe black cherry, black plum, blueberry and blackberry with interesting savoury notes. There is smoke, dark chocolate, pastry crust, bacon, cinnamon, vanilla and clove along with a subtle violet floral note. The palate is full bodied with mixed red and black berries, plum, paprika and dried sage with a long finish.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$110 bottle

A deep, youthful purple appearance with powerful, ripe and intense fruit aromas of black cherry, raspberry, plum and mulberry. The fruit overlays subtle oak notes, coffee, marzipan, chocolate, vanilla and a hint of fresh tobacco. The palate is full of mixed brambly berries, licorice, clove, cedar, graphite and sage with a long persistent finish.

2008 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$120 bottle

Aromas of dark cherry, gooseberry, cassis, red berries with subtle notes of slate, stone, smoky mushrooms and spicy oak on the nose. Silky tannins and balanced acidity combine with the lingering finishes of ripe red berries and sweet chocolate to round out this enticing wine.

2007 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$120 bottle

This wine has aromas of dark black cherry, blackberry, and subtle notes of violet, tobacco, sweet vanilla and spicy oak. On the palate, the wine is rich, dark and brooding, with abundant silky tannins and bright natural acidity. The finish is soft and the flavours persist long after swallowing.

2006 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$125 bottle

Plum, violets, red berries, caramel, and exotic spices make up the nose of this highly perfumed wine. On the palate it is round and full with flavours of dark fruit and plum and a lingering finish reminiscent of black tea.

2005 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Merlot

\$130 bottle

On the nose this wine is bursting with fresh fruit aromas. Crisp and clean this wine puts forth plums, red berries, vanilla and a touch of earth. On the palate the wine is medium bodied with moderately high levels of tannin and acid structure. There is a noticeable heat associated with the alcohol. It has flavours of ripe, fresh plums, red berries, black pepper, vanilla, slight spice, earth, chocolate and cherries.

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Cabernet Franc is the parent of its more muscular prodigy Cabernet Sauvignon. Lighter bodied, less tannic, and slightly more aromatic, Cabernet Franc also possesses an herbaceous bell pepper quality which its child lacks.

~ black current ~ plum ~ bell pepper ~ raspberry ~ violets ~ black licorice ~ tobacco ~ asparagus

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$95 bottle

A ripe yet elegant nose showing a complex range of floral violet notes, five-spice, sage, plum, black cherry and liquorice with a subtle hint of dark chocolate infused with orange zest. The palate is medium in body, elegant and refreshing with crisp acidity, soft round tannins and intense raspberry, plum, blackberry and spice on a long finish that shows some complex graphite minerality.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$95 bottle

Aromas of lavender & purple flowers greet you relinquishing to red currants, oak, and blueberry; with a savoury note of tobacco and sage. It has a silky texture, medium in body, and refreshing acidity. Flavours of cherry, raspberry, cassis, blackberry, peppery spice end with a long finish.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$100 bottle

A potpourri of rich and exotic spices mixed in with a lovely fruit bouquet with aromas of blueberry, crushed raspberry and bramble berry mixed with notes of vanilla, earth and black olive. The palate is dry with fresh acidity.

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$100 bottle

This wine launches with a brooding nose full of black and red fruits, coffee, cocoa and toasty oak with some complex and interesting notes of violet, smoked meat and ripe tomato. It has a medium body with a silk quality.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$105 bottle

This wine launches with a brooding nose full of black and red fruits, coffee, cocoa and toasty oak with some complex and interesting notes of violet, smoked meat and ripe tomato. It has a medium body with a silk quality.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$110 bottle

Bright and intense aromas of ripe plums, crushed raspberries, milk chocolate, orange zest and violets. The palate is medium to full-bodied and lush; showing the richer side of this variety with brambly mixed berries, chocolate, white pepper, clove and a varietal dried herbal note that adds a savoury complexity.

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Cabernet Franc continued

2008 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$120 bottle

This wine has dark plum core with a bright red/purple rim give a sultry, elegant appearance. The elegance continues on the nose with chalky chocolate overtones and an abundance of truffle and forest floor characters with black cherries.

2007 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$120 bottle

This vintage possesses a powerful expression of rip dark fruit with chocolate and coffee undertones, with a hint of tobacco. The dark fruit and tobacco continue onto the palate alone with strawberry and capsicum, finishing with balanced acidity and velvety tannins.

2006 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$125 bottle

Savoury and earthy with dried cherry and cranberry aromas on the nose. The palate is round and balanced with cranberry, orange peel and peppery cedar notes. A long dry finish with firm tannin structure balance this enticing wine.

2005 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$130 bottle

Rich with ripe, dark fruit and hints of vanilla, spice and cherry cola notes on the nose. Currant, raspberry and chocolate flavours combine with balanced acidity as well as a long finish and smooth tannins complete this complex wine.

2002 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Franc \$135 bottle

Deep, spicy blackberry and cherry fruit with herbal complexities. Rich, vibrant blackberry flavours with hints of chocolate, tobacco and coffee. Full bodied and smooth on the palate with good fruit intensity, depth and balance.

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Malbec wine originated in France, but due to its poor resistance to the elements and pests, it was fading from use in Europe. Argentina resurrected the grape from obscurity and it has begun to show up in various regions around the world including the Okanagan. Malbec is usually all about ripe fruit flavours appreciated with or without food.

~ black cherry ~ pomegranate ~ blackberry ~ blueberry ~ plum

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec

\$95 bottle

An intense Malbec showing its trademark rustic brambly mixed berry, blackberry, blueberry, blue flowers and spicy peppercorn aromas with a little caramel and vanilla oak in the background. Full, rich and concentrated and packed with blackberry, dark berry and black cherry fruit with firm ripe tannins and lots of sage oil and paprika spice on the long savoury finish.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec

\$105 bottle

Intense spice and pepper on the nose along with ripe blackberry, blueberry, cassis, liquorice, violet, orange zest and some vanillin oak in the background. The palate is full bodied and rich with lots of ripe blackberry, mulberry, black pepper, charred meat, firm tannins and juicy, raspberry like acidity with some dried sage and clove spice on the long finish.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec

\$110 bottle

This wine has an intense nose of blackberry and black cherry fruit with baked raspberry; subtle notes of pastry crust, vanilla, sweet baking spices, dark chocolate, mint and sage. The palate is dry, full bodied with lots of black pepper and paprika spice along with ripe blackberry, raspberry, blueberry and cassis with some vanillin oak in the background. A long finish with ripe tannins, and with crisp acidity it maintains a juicy freshness.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec

\$115 bottle

The nose is spicy, peppery and rustic with intense aromas of blackberry, dried fig, cigar box, leather, vanilla and meat, with subtle violet notes in the background. The palate is dry and full bodied with crisp acidity and firm, ripe tannins. There is lots of personality in the paprika, black plum, sundried tomato, blueberry and leather with a savoury dried sage finish.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec

\$125 bottle

The 2012 Malbec speaks of lush dense fruit, medium to full in body; its silky texture nicely balances with ripe and round tannins. Flavours of sweet black cherry and baked plum, mesh well with dark cocoa, vanilla and some peppery spice combined with a hint of wet earth.

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Malbec

\$130 bottle

Intense and brambly Malbec character combined with Okanagan Valley freshness, acidity and bright fruit. The nose shows spicy, mixed berry notes along with chocolate, vanilla, cherry Christmas pudding, pink peppercorn, leather, some game meat and a hint of dried sage.

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Syrah is a varietal that can produce deep red wines with intense flavours. Shiraz is the same grape but usually represents a more robust spicy version of the wine. The European Syrah, and those that style their wines in that manner still have the bold fruit and spice but the overall product is more balanced. High in tannins and low in acid, Syrah is a great varietal for aging.

~ red berry ~ black currant ~ chocolate ~ pepper ~ licorice ~ black berry ~ plum

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah

\$90 bottle

Concentrated and intense from the ripe 2014 vintage this is packed with ripe blackberry, blueberry and baked wild berry fruit with complex notes of charred meat, black pepper, bacon and liquorice. The palate is full bodied and rich with more dark berry flavours, dark chocolate and ripe, firm tannins that should allow ageing for a decade. There is some pepper and paprika on the long finish along with a hint of the dried wild sage typical of the region.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah

\$95 bottle

Delicate and elegant, it opens on a deep and harmonious nose of violet, warm and treacly black fruits meshed together with tobacco, cocoa, wood spice and black pepper. On the palate, the wine progresses smoothly with flavours of damson plum, blackberry, baked strawberry followed by tobacco, clove, vanilla, licorice and leathery undertones.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah

\$100 bottle

Rich aromas of blueberry and blackberry mesh together with layers of leather, earth, tobacco and white pepper. This full-bodied wine fills the mouth with a plump and silky feel complimented with a well-balanced structure of acidity and tannin. Seductive flavours of black cherry, tobacco and smoke meld together beautifully on the lingering finish.

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah

\$100 bottle

A ripe and intense wine with pronounced aromas of damson plum, milk chocolate, custard, blackberry, black olive and dark cherry with smoked paprika and a background of freshly ground black pepper. The wine is full and rich yet balanced with refreshing acidity with the chocolaty oak flavours giving way to blackberry, dried cherry and plum.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah

\$105 bottle

Intense aromas covering the diverse spectrum from ripe black plum and blackberry through smoke, leather and game meat to pepper, dried sage brush and paprika all wrapped up nicely with chocolatey oak. It is full bodied with juicy acidity and round, ripe tannins, showing complex black cherry, blueberry, plum and dried raspberry.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah

\$115 bottle

This is a powerful and intense wine, with an intriguing side. It shows the richness of Syrah with aromas of blueberry, blackberry and ripe plum along with the grape's other side – an enthralling savoury, peppery meatiness.

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Syrah continued

- 2008** Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah \$120 bottle
Ripe black cherries, black current and cracked white pepper aromas intermingle on the nose with a slight hint of vanilla and spice. The palate continues to show spice, plum and blackberry flavours along with smooth round tannins.
- 2007** Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah \$125 bottle
This wine shows a dark plum core with a black cherry rim. It contains aromas of ripe black berries, along with plum and black pepper notes and a slight hint of vanilla and spice. The palate continues to show the plum and blackberry flavours along with smooth, elegant tannins and lively acidity.
- 2006** Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah \$130 bottle
The aroma of this wine is a very complex mixture including discernible notes of ripe black berries, plum, smoky bacon, vanilla, toast, black and white pepper. On the palate, the wine delivers huge mid-palate richness and tremendous length made possible by a big extraction of smooth, well-integrated tannins and lively acidity.
- 2005** Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah \$130 bottle
Red fruit, white pepper and vanilla dominate the nose of this vintage. The mouthfeel is full and round with ripe cherry, vanilla bean and caramel flavours developing into softer coffee and fruit cake notes with a touch of smoke on the finish.
- 2002** Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah \$150 bottle
White pepper, red currant and spice combine on the nose while soft flavours of cherry, vanilla and cedar combine on the palate. There is a sensuous mouth-feel with silky, well integrated tannins.
- 2000** Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Syrah \$175 bottle
Leather, mahogany, violets, spice and tobacco are the predominate notes showing on the nose of this well-aged wine. Raisin, nutmeg and plum flavours intertwine on the palate with a smooth mouth-feel and well-balanced acidity.

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Athene is the genus classification of our namesake, the Burrowing Owl. The Okanagan is becoming known for the exceptional blending of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah grapes. The Athene is a brilliant example of stunning wine made from those two varietals.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$95 bottle

A bold wine with aromas of baked blackberry, ripe blueberry, damson plum, cassis, dark chocolate and some toasty, smoky oak with a pretty floral and liquorice spice side. The palate is intensely flavoured, full bodied and rich with dried raspberry, black fruits, dried fig, pastry crust, sage, espresso and a hint of orange zest and pepper giving freshness on the long finish.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$100 bottle

Intense and intriguing aromas on the nose with pastry crust, blackberry, raspberry, blueberry, dried thyme and sage, ripe Italian plum and with some complex paprika, cinnamon and black pepper spice. The palate is ripe and rich in black fruits, black plum, cassis and black cherry with some espresso and oak and given a nice savoury side with dried sage, liquorice, a hint of black olive and leather. The tannins are firm but ripe, it is full bodied and has crisp acidity, all the elements to age for a long and graceful life in the bottle.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$105 bottle

This co-fermentation of Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon produced a rich and seductive wine with balance and great complexity. It is full bodied and packed with concentrated black fruit flavours of black cherry, blackberry and baked blueberry over a background of intriguing spices, bittersweet dark cocoa and earthy notes that persist on a long finish. The tannins are well integrated with a hint of a dusty cedar grip making the wine suitable for further ageing but also fabulous for drinking now.

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$110 bottle

The nose shows Syrah's black pepper, Italian plum, blueberry and savoury, meaty notes along with Cabernet's cassis, violet, dried sage and cedar. The body is full and intensely flavoured with firm yet ripe tannins, lots of cassis, blackberry, blueberry and plum, earthy dried sage, cedar, burlap and dusty mineral notes with a long finish.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$120 bottle

The great qualities of south Okanagan Syrah are well captured on the nose with blueberry, blackberry and damson plum aromas with complex meaty, gamy and pepper notes. The Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend contributes cedar and cassis and its renowned structure. On the palate the wine is full with plenty of acidity and tannin to give backbone.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$125 bottle

A deep, dark, brooding wine, this blend captures the best of both varieties. The nose is bold and intense with ripe blackberry, plum and cassis supported by vanilla, coffee, chocolate and oak notes. The palate is full with balanced acid and tannin and flavours of pepper, blueberry and clove.

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Athene continued

2008 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Athene

\$130 bottle

A blend of Syrah (53%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (47%) creates an intense nose full of dark red luscious fruit, chocolate, mint, blackcurrant and an intriguing spice note. The palate is rich and full bodied full of dark red fruit, cassis with hints of cigar box and tobacco. Well balanced and rich with a long finish and well integrated tannins.

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Meritage is the embodiment of the phrase: “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts”. Rhyming with “heritage”, Meritage is the North American version of the regionally regulated term “Bordeaux”. It is a blend consisting of some or all of these varietals: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$130 bottle

Burrowing Owl’s flagship blend opens on aromas of cassis, red currant, burlap, roasted red pepper, chocolate, paprika and some pretty violet floral notes in the background along with a hint of toasty oak. The palate is firmly structured with a full body and genuine intensity. There is toast, creamy oak, a mixture of red and black cherry, blueberry, black plum and some complexity added with baking spice and a little marzipan.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$135 bottle

Vibrant and complex nose with everything from ripe raspberry, cassis, blackberry and prune plum through to dried sage brush, orange zest, clove, black olive, marzipan, dusty vanillin oak and malt. The palate is dry, rich and full bodied with crisp acidity and firm, medium-plus ripe tannins. The structure for aging is framed by plenty of dark chocolate, cocoa, cassis, black plum, black cherry, spiced berry compote, citrus peel and a touch of fig, raisin and leather.

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$135 bottle

A complex, fresh red blend from the moderate 2011 vintage showing aromas ranging the broad spectrum from cassis, vanilla, blackberry and black plum through roasted nut, smoke, black olive, chocolate ice-cream, burlap, dried sage, cocoa and some sweet blue floral notes. The palate is youthful and structured with plenty of acidity and tannin for long ageing and lots of cassis, blueberry, plum, raspberry, cedar, cigar box, paprika and a subtle saffron note.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$145 bottle

Intense aromas of spiced plum, cherry, blackberry and dark chocolate with underlying complex orange zest, earth and roasted sage. The palate shows powerful spicy and peppery notes that mingle nicely with the cassis, cherry and raspberry fruit and balanced use of oak.

2008 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$155 bottle

Aromas of cassis, black currants, blackberry, truffles and complex earth tones are prevalent with a hint of tobacco and clove. The silky, elegant tannins complement the earthy, cassis, currants and truffles on the palate, while hints of chocolate and ripe, red fruits also shine through. The finish is clean and long.

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Meritage continued

2007 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$155 bottle

A dark plum core with a bright purple rim presents a vibrant and outstanding floral nose with beautiful ripe red fruit, luscious cassis, blackberries and plums with clean forest aromas, along with an allusion of pepper, mint, clove and tobacco. The palate has rich smooth copious tannins, an elegant and silky finish with beautiful forest fruit and dark chocolate. It also implies a slight mint and clove essence. A Bordeaux style wine with a very unique Okanagan interpretation.

2006 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$160 bottle

On the nose, this wine displays outstanding complexity with loads of black fruits and cassis, accentuated by aromas of mint, vanilla, cedar and tobacco. On the palate, there is tremendous richness, and length from the silky, abundant tannins, supported by opulent primary black fruits and a slight mintiness, which carries through onto the palate. A classic Bordeaux-style wine from a classic Okanagan vintage.

2005 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$165 bottle

The aroma of this wine is a heady, smoky mixture of violets, cassis, blackberry, plums, vanilla, cloves, and toasted oak. On the palate, the wine is an iron fist wrapped in a velvet glove; offering big, rich flavours, seamless texture and a tremendous persistence of flavours.

2000 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Meritage

\$180 bottle

Rich, ripe berry, smoke and mocha aromas intertwine elegantly in the glass with flavours of black and red berries and smoky leather dominating on the palate. It showcases a rounded mouth-feel, well integrated tannins, and balanced acidity.

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Petit Verdot is a full-bodied varietal that offers bold colour, tannins, and floral aromas of violet.
~ plum ~ lilac ~ violet ~ sage ~ leather ~ paprika ~ black fruit

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Petit Verdot

\$85 bottle

This wine has an intense and focused nose of dense cassis, blueberry and dried blackberry fruit; with some black olive and clove spice in the background. The palate is youthful, firm, concentrated and intense with the promise to age for many years. Full bodied with crisp acidity, the intense black fruit is joined by leather, paprika spice, charred meat and dried herbs with a long, graphite-like finish.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Petit Verdot

\$90 bottle

The 2012 Petit Verdot shows dense black fruit aromas mixed with an array of seductive spices. Cassis and stewed blackberries mingle on the nose combined with Dutch black liquorice, dusty earth and notes of all-spice. On the palate it offers layers of intriguing flavours with blackberry, liquorice, cedar, black olive and all-spice all melding together on a long length.

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Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied red wine with dark fruit flavours and savory elements ranging from black pepper to bell pepper. Old world cabernet tends to lean towards less fruit and more towards the savory components. Often highly tannic when young, these wines soften and develop as they mature.
cassis ~ dark cherry ~ tobacco ~ green pepper ~ vanilla ~ blackberry ~ licorice ~ plum ~ spice ~ leather

2016 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$100 bottle

The nose shows red and black currant, blackberry and plum, dried sage, paprika and baking spice with integrated vanilla oak, cocoa, shortbread and a subtle floral note. The palate is full bodied and structured yet retains elegance and freshness. Black currant, dried sage, raspberry and leather mix with orange zest, clove, coconut and dark chocolate with some graphite minerality on the long finish.

2015 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$105 bottle

Intense aromas of cassis, dried herbs, dried sage, tobacco, cedar and black plum with some subtle but complex floral notes. The palate is firm and structured with high levels of ripe tannin, high acidity and a medium body. Concentrated cassis, blackberry, baking spice, a hint of dried fig, dried black olive and some more dried herb notes linger on the long finish.

2014 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$105 bottle

On the nose, this wine displays outstanding complexity with loads of black fruits and cassis, accentuated by aromas of mint, vanilla, cedar and tobacco. On the palate, there is tremendous richness, and length from the silky, abundant tannins, supported by opulent primary black fruits and a slight mintiness, which carries through onto the palate. A classic Bordeaux-style wine from a classic Okanagan vintage.

2013 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$110 bottle

The warm 2013 vintage has produced an excellent Cabernet Sauvignon with all the structure and ripeness you hope for and still remaining quintessentially Okanagan. The nose shows a complex mix of cassis, blackberry, black olive, dusty oak, cedar, tobacco and lots of dried wild sage adding a fresh element. The palate is firmly structured and intensely flavoured with flavours mirroring the nose with the addition of dried plum and dried black cherry and distinct mint, charred meat and a little liquorice spice with a long, satisfying finish.

2012 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$115 bottle

The nose combines ripe cassis, damson plum, blueberry, black olive and hints of dried sage and tobacco. There is cedar, vanilla, marzipan and dark chocolate waiting in the background. The palate is both full bodied yet structured with rich, concentrated blackberry, cassis and plum with complex and savoury notes of dried herbs, graphite and charred meat. The good structure, crisp acidity and firm but ripe tannins combined with a long finish.

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Cabernet Sauvignon continued

2011 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$115 bottle

A deeply coloured, structured and youthful wine built for aging. The nose shows intense black and red currant, raspberry, cinnamon, vanilla and clove with an intriguing cayenne pepper note. The palate is dry with refreshing acidity and firm but ripe tannins that give a dusty, dried sage sensation. The flavours of plum, blackcurrant, black olive, violet, leather, marzipan, minerality and pepper linger on a long finish.

2010 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$120 bottle

This is true expression of a complex Cabernet Sauvignon from the South Okanagan Valley. The colour is deep purple and the aromas range from cassis, plum, raspberry, blueberry and black cherry through to vanilla oak notes, cedar, cinnamon, violet and distinctive dried wild sage brush. The body is full of structure, built to last for a decade or more.

2009 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$120 bottle

Deep, dark and classic Cabernet Sauvignon character from the colour, through the intense cassis aromas to the structured palate. The aromas include cedar, clove, leather, cocoa, plum, dried cherry and a savoury dried sage note.

2008 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$125 bottle

Concentrated and intense on the nose this wine has a deep, brambly characteristic and rich ripe fruit. Tobacco, mulberry, smoke and spice combine with a leafy cassis note and a sensuous and silky palate.

2007 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$125 bottle

A deep dark red core and violet rim present a vibrant aroma of mint, cassis, tomato leaf and fresh herbs. The palette continues with smooth balanced tannins with long length and a clean robust finish. The wine expresses predominantly mint, cassis, tobacco and cloves with a hint of nutmeg and the smoky notes of the oak.

2006 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$130 bottle

Intoxicating aromas of violets, fresh cassis, anise, fragrant herbs and fresh butter exude from this deeply coloured wine. It displays ripe dark fruit and a classic, powerful tannin structure and long-lasting finish.

2005 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$145 bottle

This features concentrated aromas of cassis, blackberry tobacco and toasty oak tones. It is soft and luscious, displaying cooked black fruits, liquorice, tobacco and smoky flavours.

2002 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery Cabernet Sauvignon \$155 bottle

We have traditional aromas of cassis, pencil lead and eucalyptus combined on the nose. The body is full of ripe, jammy fruit and coffee notes, with a balanced acidity and lush tannin structure.

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Calliope Wines

Pronounced ka-LIE-oh-pee, this captivating name pays homage to a tiny hummingbird found in southern British Columbia which is Canada's smallest bird. The word Calliope is of Greek origin meaning 'beautiful voice' and was chosen by the Wyse family in recognition of their interest in birds and music. Calliope is also the Greek Muse of Eloquence and Poetry.

Grapes for Calliope wines are carefully sourced from local vineyards in the South Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. With a focus on early consumption, oak applications are minimized and wines are sealed under screw caps to retain bright fruit flavours and crisp acidity in the wines.

2019 Calliope Gewürztraminer

\$55 bottle

An intensely aromatic and fresh Gewürztraminer with a nose of honeysuckle, jasmine and rose petal, lychee and some pear, lime zest, star fruit and passionfruit. Dry and crisp on the palate with lemon and lime zest, rose water, pineapple, honey and subtle mango notes with lots of baking spice and a long finish.

Wild Goose Vineyards & Winery

It all began in early 1983 when founder Adolf Kruger purchased a barren piece of land east of Okanagan Falls. Upon his return to his newly purchased property, he discovered a large flock of Canada geese feeding amongst the tumbleweeds, boulders, and rubble. As he approached, the flock of geese took flight and flew to the north. This vision inspired Adolf to call the property Wild Goose Vineyards

Wild Goose Winery was the seventeenth winery in BC and was established in June 1990. The winery started producing Riesling, Gewurztraminer, and Marechal Foch. Consumers quickly took to the concept of small wineries and flocked to the Okanagan Valley to spend time on the beach, play a little golf, and tour wineries. Over time Wild Goose would establish itself as one of the premium small producers of VQA wines. Customers turned to friends and many still to this day visit the winery.

2020 Wild Goose Vineyards Stoney Slope Riesling

\$55 bottle

Produced from a few select SW rows at the home vineyard of Wild Goose, from vines planted in 1984, this wine is grown in the uniquely coarse & gravelly soils of the Okanagan Falls sub geographical area. The aromatics of this wine begin with citrus, lime, licorice. On the palate, intense flavours of ripe green apple, melon and wet stones. The wine is balanced with beautiful fruit and a cleansing crispness. This is a Wild Goose wine that just gets better and better with age.

2019 Wild Goose Vineyards Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

\$60 bottle

This late harvest wine is made from Gewürztraminer grapes left on the vine longer than usual, allowing for the concentration of flavours and a sweetening of the juice. This wine is a perfect digestif after a wonderful meal when you are craving something semi-sweet to put an exclamation mark on a great night. With its golden colour this wine should be served chilled (7-13 C) to capture the lilac, lavender, baked apricot on the nose, and the honey, caramel, marmalade on the palate.

Important Dates in History for Burrowing Owl Estate Winery

1993 – Burrowing Owl Vineyards

Jim Wyse begins to replant vineyards which had been carefully selected for their ability to produce world class premium wines. After having his grapes receive immediate recognition, he started planning the future...

1997 – 1998 Burrowing Owl Estate Winery

A license was obtained and construction began on Burrowing Owl Estate Winery, a state-of-the-art, gravity-fed winery that was completed just in time for the 1998 harvest.

2003 – Expansion

The Sonora Room, an upscale restaurant located at Burrowing Owl opens its doors featuring epicurean excellence, superb service, relaxed style, and of course, scenic splendour.

2006 – The Evolution Continues

The Guesthouse at Burrowing Owl opens with 10 exclusive rooms, all nestled into 140 acres of vineyard. Private decks and intimate fireplaces make each room a place to reconnect, retreat, and rejuvenate.

2017 – Further Modernization

Expansion to the winery, including upgrades to the winery facilities, increased production capabilities, an extension to cellar space, and addition of a multi-purpose event space, as well as cutting-edge, bi-facial solar panels that double as a parking lot shade structure; not to mention the introduction of eight electric car charging stations.

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In 1980, Burrowing Owls were declared extirpated, (extinct), in the province. Now however, the bird's population is growing thanks to a very successful captive breeding program established and operated by the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of British Columbia, (BOCS).

The Wyse Family, owners of Burrowing Owl Estate Winery, have been members and active supporters of the BOCS since 1993; and since 2004, their winery has donated over 1.2 million dollars to the program. Visitors to Burrowing Owl's Wine Shop are asked to donate \$5 in lieu of tasting fees.

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Vineyard & Farming Practices

Upgrades to our irrigation systems have improved our energy efficiency by a factor of approximately 2, as it allows us to use much less water for growing wine grapes, something that the old system was not capable of. This is a huge improvement in efficiency and promotes water conservation with a parallel reduction in our consumption of electrical power.

Solar Energized Water Probes: *Throughout the vineyard there are solar energized probes that automatically test the soil at root depth and wirelessly report the true watering needs of the vines back to the office. This ensures that we only use the water that we need.*

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) *is a long way of saying that we try to use friendly insects to battle other insect pests. For example, spider habitat is boosted by simply not cutting the cover crops between the vine rows regularly. Instead, these rows are cut on alternating periods thus providing continuous habitat and encouraging a thriving spider population. In turn, spiders eat aphids and mites that are pests to the grapes.*

Organic Techniques: *A variety of techniques have been invoked to bring the vineyard closer to the “organic” ideal. One such technique is the recycling of grape “pomace”, the material made up of grape skins and seeds that are expelled from the press after the juices and wines are extracted. The pomace is taken to a local feedlot where it is mixed with manure and returned to the vineyard in the spring, as a compost to enhance the organic material in our sandy soils.*

Sprays: *Using environmentally safe, biodegradable fertilizers and chemicals, none of which persist in the soils. Long term sustainability of this beautiful farmland is our principal objective.*

Cover crops: *Planting cover crops of mustard between each row of grape vines, which encourages the growth of preferred invertebrates and supports a natural mechanism of pest control. Interestingly, the cover crop also reduces the evaporation rate of irrigation water and puts essential nitrogen into the soil.*

Compost: *Mulching all organic waste generated during pruning and vine maintenance and leaving it on the ground to compost naturally among the vines adds organic matter to the vineyard topsoil.*

Education and training: *Sensitizing and educating vineyard workers and visitors to the area’s unique ecological features is an ongoing program.*

Building Environmental Sustainability

The Building Design makes use of the steeply sloping hillside which is largely unusable for farming, by putting most of the production and storage facilities underground. This design feature has substantially reduced the building footprint, leaving more surface area for farm land and other wine-related uses.

Solar heating: All of the hot water for the offices and Guest House space (including the pool and hot tub) comes from the solar panels that cover the roofs of both buildings, greatly reducing the need for onsite heat generation.

Geothermal: All of the Guest House & office HVAC, plus a portion of the hot water is generated from our extensive ground-sourced geothermal system.

Underground cellars: We have built over 12,000 sf of underground barrel cellars that provide natural (ground temperature) cooling during the summer and natural warmth during the winter for aging the wine. We do not need to heat or cool using electrical or fossil fuel energy as would be the case for an above-ground barrel facility.

Gravity Flow Winery: A side benefit of this multi-level, underground plan is that the wine-making process uses gravity to move the wine through the various stages from top to bottom. By not using pumps to move the wine through the process, not only is energy saved, but the process results in higher quality wines.

Heat Exchangers: All make up air ventilation passes through heat exchangers so that heat (in winter) or cool (in summer) is not lost to the environment with each air change.

Building Efficiencies: All buildings have been constructed to the highest level of thermal and electrical efficiency and we believe that the new Guest House meets or exceeds the LEEDS standards for existing buildings, a new American measure of environmental efficiency.

Low Flush Toilets: All toilets on the premises are certified low flush.

Dark Sky Exterior Lighting: All of our exterior lighting is DARK SKY approved, reducing light pollution.