

## **PHILOSOPHY**

## "SMALL LOT, SINGLE VINEYARD WINES OF PURPOSE"

WINES TO REFLECT FOUR DISTINCT APPELLATIONS
Okanagan Falls, Golden Mile Bench, Similkameen Valley
(South Cawston), and Okanagan Valley (Black Sage Bench)

**OLD VINES AND NEW** 

MOVE TO SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURE





### RUST VINEYARD SITES

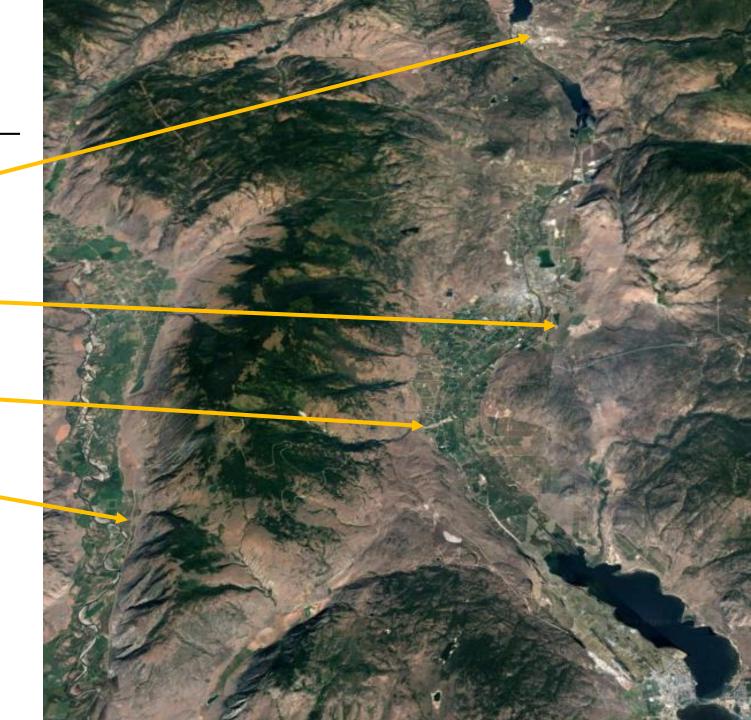
Lost Horn Vineyard Okanagan Falls BCVQA

Ferreira Vineyard – Black Sage Bench Okanagan Valley BCVQA

> South Rock Vineyard Golden Mile Bench BCVQA

Lazy River Vineyard - South Cawston Similkameen Valley BCVQA







### REJUVENATION

The recent acquisition of over 200 acres of land came with an awareness that there would be a lot of time and energy needed to bring them to their full potential. One of the journeys that we are most excited about over the next few years is a large replanting effort - upgrading to vines that are best suited to the Okanagan and Similkameen terroir while also moving towards a sustainably minded philosophy. The replanting of over 50 acres of vines has begun and we are excited to show both our old vines and new in the coming years.

# VITICULTURE BRETT THIESSEN

Born and raised on a purebred cattle ranch, farming was far from the top of the list of future career choices. However, after years of working in restaurants as a culinary and bar manager in Alberta, wine became an irresistible passion. After studying at Okanagan College in Penticton, he became the Vineyard Manager at Summerhill Pyramid Winery where he started developing a background in organic and biodynamic viticulture.

Brett now has ambitious plans to pull the chemicals out of the quiver in all of the Rust Wine Co's vineyards and substitute them with organic practices, farming each site as their own ecosystems. This task may take a few years to achieve, but will result in long-term sustainability and ultimately increasingly honest and pure wines.







## WINEMAKING RYAN DeWITTE

The 2019 harvest will be overseen by Ryan DeWitte a recent transplant from Niagara where he has been the Assistant Winemaker at Leaning Post Wines, a super-premium small lot winery, for the past 4 vintages. A passion for single vineyard wines, an adept taster (WSET Level 3), and a spirit of experimentation made him a perfect fit for the vision of Rust Wine Co.

Ryan has enjoyed recent acclaim with his single vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnays which won two consecutive Platinum awards at the Nationals. He is also known for a line of unique experimental projects including various natural wines, an orange wine, and (for the past three vintages) a Pet Nat under his own label called First Fruit Wines which will continue under Rust. He is thrilled to be able to use the knowledge and experience he has gained to craft more amazing, small-lot terroir driven wines.

"I love to experiment, and try new things but my guiding principle is that the wines need to be delicious."

#### PORTFOLIO

#### **SMASH**

RUST WINE Co. GEWURZTRAMINER

RUST WINE Co. CHARDONNAY

RUST WINE Co. PINOT GRIGIO

RUST WINE Co. ROSÉ

RUST WINE Co. GAMAY

RUST WINE Co. CABERNET FRANC

Golden Mile Bench BC VQA Okanagan Falls BC VQA Similkameen Valley BC VQA Golden Mile Bench BC VQA Similkameen Valley BC VQA Okanagan Falls BC VQA

#### **CELLAR**

RUST WINE Co. MERLOT

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RUST WINE Co. ZINFANDEL

Golden Mile Bench BC VQA Okanagan Valley BC VQA

Similkameen Valley BC VQA

Okanagan Falls BC VQA

Golden Mile Bench BC VQA

Okanagan Valley BC VQA

Similkameen Valley BC VQA

Okanagan Falls BC VQA (1st vintage 2019)

Golden Mile Bench BC VQA





### WHY RUST?

The EVOLUTION of rust is UNSCRIPTED. Its colours emerge from the touch of NATURE and blend into entirely unpredicted formations.

Rust therefore serves as a perfect metaphor for wine. While people can nudge the process along its way, the final product is determined by the LIFE of the vines, the development of the VINTAGE, and the moment or memories of its ENJOYMENT.

One of the most wonderful characteristics of wine – which it shares with rust - is that it is truly ALIVE, EVOLVING, TIMELESS and BEAUTIFUL.



