

Ruby Pét'Nat 2022

Campino candies, tangerine peel, lemon meringue, guava, and sriracha on the nose with strawberry candy, a kiwi tickle and spicy *je ne sais quoi* on the pallet. Soft, creamy bubbles.

Cases produced: 100 Harvested: 5th October 2022

Varietal: 50% Merlot, 25% Malbec, 25% Vidal

Brix: 20.5 Yield: 2.4 metric tonnes per acre

Fruit: ripe and clean at 16°C

Vineyards: Merlot and Vidal - WW Vineyard, Niagara Lakeshore, Ontario - sustainably farmed with permanent cover crops.

Malbec - Bock Vineyard, St David's Bench, Ontario. Minimal till and permanent cover crops with reliance as much as possible on biologicals and elementals.

Climate: continental

Soils: WW Vineyards - Rich, calcareous clay loam soil with varying degrees of silt, limestone gravel and boulders.

Bock Vineyard - Tavistock red phase, Toledo loamy phase and Toledo phase; soils not common in the region.

Age of vines: WW Vineyards- 14 years . Bock Vineyard - 12 years.

Training: two arm vertical shoot positioning

Irrigation: dry farming

Growing season: 2022 was a disastrous year for yields following extensive vine winter damage across Ontario. That said, the growing season and harvest period were actually very favourable and while yields were very low, the quality of berries was exceptional. Scarcity of wines will be a real factor for the 2022 vintage. The wines of 2022 are already showing great fruit, depth and lots of energy.

Harvested: by hand; table sort

Pressing: 1 hour gentle cycle

Yeast type: wild, ambient

Fermentation 4 hours on skins before being pressed and then fermenting in stainless steel for 17 days until we hand-bottled at 0.8 Brix, allowing the fermentation to complete in bottle over another 7 days. 100% of the wine went through malolactic fermentation, taking seven months to complete.

Elevage: 12 months in bottle on lees.

Fining: unfined

Filtration: unfiltered

Bottle age before release: 12 months

Closure type: stainless steel crown cap.

ABV: 12.2%

RS: 1.2 g/L

TA: 5.2 g/L

pH: 3.4

So2: No added sulphur

