



# SPERLING VINEYARDS

LOVE AND LABOUR SINCE 1925

## PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2020



### West Coast Refinement

#### Vision Series

A place to try new things and new styles; winemaker's playground; limited edition wines.

#### Growing Conditions

2020 accumulated ~1340 GDD (Growing Degree Days) which seems to be the new normal for the 21st century. Even though the overall heat accumulation resembled 2018, the seasonal conditions were quite different. 2020 started out with very cool May & June, followed by a moderate July & then a very warm August & September. Grapes were sweeter & with more dark fruit characters.

#### Winemaking

Select panels were chosen & hand-harvested for our Vision series Pinot Noir. The grapes were 30% whole cluster pressed and fermented on the skins for 20 days. Aged in large format French oak for 18 months.

#### Food Pairing

Enjoy with roasted organic chicken, including salty roasted potatoes smothered in drippings.

**Harvest Date:** October 6, 2020

#### Technical Notes

**Region:** East Kelowna Slopes  
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada

**Winemakers:** Ann Spierling & Rickard Branby

**Varieties:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Aging Potential:** 7-10 years **Drink:** Now - 2030

**Organic** **Regenerative** **Estate** **Small Lot**  
**Vegan** **Gluten Free** **Ready to Drink** **Natural**  
**Flagship** **Complex**

**Colour:** Medium Purple

**Flavours:** Dark cherries and licorice

**Alcohol:** Medium | 12.4%

**Sweetness:**      Dry | >1.0g/L

**Acidity:**      Medium-High | 5.9g/L | 3.8pH

**Body:**      Medium-Full

**Tannins:**      Low

**Closure:** Screw Cap **Bottle Size:** 750mL

**CSPC:** 854944000554 **SKU:** 005549

#### Tasting Story

It's a tradition that brings us together, the long table Sunday dinner. Old wood and leather chairs from throughout the farmhouse are collected together under the almond trees in the yard. You brush the week's red dust off the table while I set out mason jars of roses from the garden. Heaping platters of roasted beets and bowls of fresh blackberries, complement whatever the family brings to add to the grill. The table is set and we hear the chatter of voices coming through the back gate.

**Production Volume:** 189 cases