



# SPERLING VINEYARDS

LOVE AND LABOUR SINCE 1925

## PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2018



### Burgundian Refinement

#### Vision Series

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

#### Growing Conditions

2018 was a warm but not overly hot growing season, which seems to be the new normal for the 21st century in Kelowna. Spring started with a "super-May". So warm it resembled June conditions. The vine-shoots grew quickly & established a big canopy for the entire season. The canopy is primarily leaves, the engine of the vine, providing energy for the whole plant including ripening. July, August & September were much cooler than normal, so ripening was slow but complete, resulting in grapes packed with energy, & making a complex wine.

#### 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 18months.

#### Food Pairing

Enjoy with a cheese & charcuterie board: firm cheeses, cured meats (brasola) & rye or seed-packed crackers.

**Harvest Date:** October 4 & 5, 2018

#### 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 - 2028

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

**Colour:** Medium Purple

**Flavours:** Red fruit and leather

**Alcohol:** Medium | 12.5%

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

**Acidity:**  Medium-High | 6.6g/L | 3.7pH

**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

