



The
Similkameen
Collective

2016

The Inaugural Release

“These are very, very good wines.....(the “Consensus” is) one of the best Meritage wines I have tasted from the Okanagan”

- *John Schreiner, Author of “The wines of Canada” and respected authority on Canadian wine.*

The Similkameen Collective is a group of passionate individuals who have come together to make uncompromised wine of exceptional quality from a very special site in British Columbia’s Similkameen Valley.

The Collective was formed after recognizing the exceptional character of the fruit from the “**Blind Creek Vineyard**” in the Similkameen Valley. It was agreed that the fruit from this special location had the potential to showcase a new level of excellence for northwest wine

This inaugural release is not just a result of the *collected character* and expertise of the partners. It is a special expression of place and a truly uncompromised commitment to quality in the winemaking process.

As our friends, we would like to offer you the exclusive opportunity to place your reservation pre-release. Upon securing an allocation of this very special release, you will be offered the opportunity to purchase each successive year ahead of new customers.

These wines will be released June 15, as a friend of the Similkameen Collective you can order wines from the inaugural release before it is offered to the general public.

The Similkameen Collective owners are;

- Vineyard owners **Larry Lund & Ron Bell**
- Director **Jim Morrison, P.Eng**
- Winemaker **J-M Bouchard**
- Winery owners **Pam & Mick Luckhurst**
- Wine merchant **Brian Berry**



The Wines

2013 Rousanne \$35

This is a rich and luscious wine that was fermented in a concrete egg. That seems to account for the palate-coating texture; that and the ripeness of the fruit. It has aromas and flavours of ripe apricot with a touch of warmth on the generous finish. **92/100**

140 six packs produced



2013 Syrah & Viognier \$45

The two varieties are co-fermented. The wine begins dramatically with aromas of plum jam exploding from the glass. On the palate, there are layered flavours of plum, black cherry, delicatessen meats and spices and white pepper. The long ripe tannins give the wine generous texture. **92/100**

166 six packs produced



2013 GSM \$50

This is a blend of Grenache fermented on Syrah skins, with a dash of Mourvedre in the final blend. It was aged in neutral oak (the 2014 GSM is being aged in concrete). This wine manages to be bold and elegant at the same time. It begins with aromas of plum and blueberry and delivers a mouthful of ripe berry flavours supported by long, polished tannins. **93/100**

208 six packs produced



2013 Consensus \$60

This is a seamless Meritage blend, with aromas of cassis, blueberry and vanilla. It delivers spoons full of luscious red berry flavours to the palate. The finish is persistent with lingering bright fruit flavours. **95/100**

396 six packs produced



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