

KETTLE VALLEY WINERY

(NARAMATA BENCH, SOUTHERN OKANAGAN VALLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

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Kettle Valley Winery is a small farm-based winery located on the Naramata Bench, Okanagan, BC. Their focus is quality and by staying a small family owned and operated winery they believe that their passion will show through in their wines. Naramata is easily the premier growing region in British Columbia, with its moderate temperatures, abundant sunshine, and cooling breezes. The rolling hills and variable soil types result in growing sites with unique microclimates that can be matched to the right varieties by an experienced grape grower. No matter what style of wine you like, you will find it in Naramata. Drawing its name from the Kettle Valley Railway, which traveled through the Naramata area on the east side of Okanagan Lake, the winery opened to the public in 1996. Kettle Valley Winery is known for its dark, intense, and well-structured red wines, including Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and blends such as "Old Main Red". Chardonnay has been the main white wine produced, but in recent years Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Semillon, and Sauvignon Blanc have also proved popular. They are all flavourful and aromatic, with a rich mouth feel.

Pinot Gris 2022

CSPC# 620443

12x750ml

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Pinot Gris

Winemakers

Bob Ferguson & Tim Watts

Vineyards

The grapes for this wine come from the following vineyards: Gill in Osoyoos, Dhaliwal in Oliver, and the Cossentine vineyard in Penticton.

Harvest

This year we celebrate our 31st Vintage.

Spring temperatures were cool this year, bringing a late start to the vines, but we finally saw bud burst the first week of May. The cool weather continued throughout a very wet June, leading into the start of a hot summer in July. Lucky for us, fall brought warmer than normal temperatures and sunshine most days. We were able to let the grapes hang and ripen before harvest started in October. The first pick of the season was Pinot Gris from a vineyard in Oliver, on October 6th. On October 17th the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from a vineyard just behind the winery in Naramata were the first red grapes picked. The final pick of the season were Merlot grapes from Oliver on October 25th. The temperatures stayed above normal through the end of October and came to a crashing halt into the first week of November with freezing temperatures and snow. There were some very cold days spent pressing grapes the second week of November. Hard to believe that all those years have come and gone since we started our first commercial harvest in 1992.

The grapes for this wine were handpicked between October 6 and October 13, 2022, at approximately 24.7 brix.

Vinification/ Maturation

The grapes were crushed and left on the skins to cold soak for up to three days prior to being pressed off resulting in a wine with a salmon colour. A portion of this wine has been barrel fermented before being blended with wine that was fermented in stainless steel tanks.

Tasting Notes

That's right! It's a lovely pink! It's also flavourful, aromatic, and full-bodied with good structure, a rich mouthfeel, and a spicy finish. One of the most classic BC Pinot Gris, and the one that started the trend for a pretty copper hue. This beauty of a Pinot Gris shows classic red and green apples, pear, citrus, and tropical notes.

Serve with

Drink this when you eat any white fish or salmon. Other pairing suggestions include Avocado and Papaya Salad; Balsamic Grilled Radicchio with Shaved Pecorino; Basic Basil Pesto; and Zucchini and Red Onion Frittata alla Pisa.

