



NARRATIVE

Introduced in 2014, Narrative is a collection of wines and spirits made from grapes sourced from independent growers across the Okanagan. The portfolio tells the story of the Okanagan and its rare climate, which presents the rare combination of an arid desert landscape and snowy winters. These special conditions produce an intense, short growing season. Wines with natural fresh acidity and lively juicy fruit. Narrative wines and spirits vary from year to year showcasing the best of each vintage. Narrative offers unique blends, a Syrah, a Riesling, sparkling wines, a fortified wine and spirits.

MALBEC 2017

WINEMAKER Matt Dumayne

We found a small batch of Malbec from a vineyard site in Osoyoos right on the US border. The grapes were destemmed and put into clay amphorae and a large format oak barrel to ferment using native yeasts. Barrels were rolled daily by hand with no O² exposure. The wine was left on skins for 8 months before being pressed and blended into one small egg-shaped concrete tank for settling.

Brix 22.0 | pH 3.4 | TA 6.7 | RS 1.0 | Alc 12.5%





ABOUT NARRATIVE

Narrative wines and spirits are made at Okanagan Crush Pad winery in Summerland, British Columbia. Owners Christine Coletta and Steve Lornie leapt into farming in 2005 when they converted an old orchard to a vineyard, starting a chain of events that ultimately led to the construction of a 45,000-case winery in 2011, and further land purchases and vineyard development commencing in 2012.

Today Okanagan Crush Pad is a shared workspace where farmers and vintners collaborate to create their own labels. At the heart of the winemaking facility is a small guest center. Visitors wander past 17 large concrete tanks and clay amphorae with the combined capacity of 65,000 litres, to the area where table wine, sparkling wine, and spirits are made. Time-honoured, generations-old winemaking techniques are used, benefitted by the most advanced technology, always adhering to a 'less is more' philosophy.

The Name: 'Narrative' tells the story of the Okanagan and its rare climate, a region of extremes: both an arid desert landscape and cold snowy winters. Narrative is made from grapes sourced from independent growers across the Okanagan. As such, from vintage to vintage the wines can vary, showcasing unique blends. In addition to table wine, sparkling wine was added to the portfolio; first with Ancient Method (bottled during primary fermentation) and also a Charmat sparkling wine named XC Method ("XC" for 90 days secondary fermentation). As one of the country's first wineries with a distillery license, Narrative offers a neutral spirit, called Spirit of the Vineyard and a gin named 12 Botanicals Gin.

The goal is simple: to offer wines and spirits that are exceptional illustrations of what our region is capable of.

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