

## SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

VINTAGE 2023			
***************************************	Fruit Quality	High	
#3ss	Crop Yield	Very low	
	Standout Varieties	Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon	
Ä	Growing Degree Days (GDD)*	Cawston - 1634	Higher than average
5	Rainfall	Low	
QB	Budbreak	Average to Late	
######################################	Harvest	Early	
4	Wine Descriptors	Ripe, rich, intense, concentrated, flavourful	

The Similkameen Valley also experienced the cold winter snap in December of 2022 that caused significant yield loss to some vineyards. The hot, dry weather after an initially delayed budbreak saw flowering, veraison and harvest all ahead of schedule. Picking conditions were ideal with warm, sunny weather into October allowing grapes to be picked at optimum ripeness. Overall the yield was very low due to the winter bud damage but quality was high. Fruit concentration was high with ripe, intensely flavoured grapes.





<sup>\*</sup> GDD is the measure of heat units available for vine development during the growing season. The average is based on a 10 year sample for this region.