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### VINTAGE 2023

	Fruit Quality	High	
	Crop Yield	Good	
	Standout Varieties	Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Hybrids	
	Growing Degree Days (GDD)*	Cowichan Valley – 1176	On par with average
	Rainfall	Average	
	Budbreak	Average	
	Harvest	Early	
	Wine Descriptors	Elegant, fresh, ripe, concentrated	

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Vancouver Island had an excellent vintage in 2023. The Island was hit with a cold snap and unseasonably cold temperatures in the winter, but the moderating effects of the coast avoided any damage to the vines. Budbreak was reported as normal to late but temperatures then began to increase in the spring with warmer than normal conditions resulting in flowering taking place earlier, or similar to normal timing. Rainfall varied by location through the spring but by summer, all producers reported above average temperatures and significantly less rainfall than normal making for ideal ripening conditions and lower disease pressure. As a result, veraison was ahead of schedule and the grapes ended up coming in to the wineries at higher sugar levels than in a typical year. Yields were close to average overall with very high quality reported, Pinot Noir the standout variety.

\* 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.