



# SPERLING VINEYARDS

LOVE AND LABOUR SINCE 1925

## 2020 NATURAL AMBER PINOT GRIS



### Community

#### Vision Series

Small lots, winemaker's playground, limited edition. Labels designed by Ann's daughter, Lauren.

#### Growing Conditions

We planted these Pinot Gris vines in the 1990s, in 3 different blocks in our East Kelowna Slopes vineyard. Deeply rooted, these now older vines are well adapted to the site, accessing mineral nutrition from layers in the soil.

#### Winemaking

Pinot Gris whole clusters and stemmed grapes fermented with wild yeast, and underwent wild malolactic conversion, taking sugars and malic acid to complete dryness. We pressed the must and let it settle, rather than fining or filtering, and did not ameliorate with additives such as sulphites. It is not an expression of a vessel, but a savory expression of the complete Pinot Gris grape adapted themselves over 20 years to our site.

#### Food Pairing

Drink with veggie dogs, creamy grits, and mounds of collard greens. Pairs well with strongly flavoured savoury dishes.

**Harvest Date:** September 23, 2020

#### Technical Notes

**Region:** East Kelowna Slopes  
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada

**Winemakers:** Ann Sperring & Rickard Branby

**Varieties:** 100% Pinot Gris

**Aging Potential:** 3 years **Drink:** Now - 2024

Organic Regenerative Estate Small Lot  
Vegan Gluten Free Ready to Drink BC VQA  
Flagship Natural

**Colour:** Medium Brick

**Flavours:** Guava, Leafy Greens

**Alcohol:** Medium | 12.1%

**Sweetness:**      Bone Dry | 2.4g/L

**Acidity:**      Medium | 6.5g/L | 3.04pH

**Body:**     Medium-Full

**Tannins:**      Low

**Closure:** Screw Cap **Bottle Size:** 750mL

**CSPC:** 85494400776 **SKU:** 775965

#### Tasting Story

The music can be heard down the block, drawing the neighbours in to investigate. It's an old fashioned barbecue, one of those spontaneous summer events with family and friends. Crowded on the table, tropical fruit trays crowd jars of mustard and a big bowl of cranberry punch. I'm dancing with the old folks, swinging around to the blasting radio. You're at the grill, taking orders, taking swigs and flipping dogs.

**Production Volume:** 350 cases