

GANTON & LARSEN
PROSPECT WINERY

OKANAGAN VALLEY BC VQA

A TRIBUTE TO THE OKANAGAN VALLEY

THE CENSUS COUNT
CHARDONNAY

THE GANTON AND LARSEN PROSPECT WINERY IS A TRIBUTE TO THE OKANAGAN VALLEY'S RICH AND COLOURFUL HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND INCREDIBLE WINES.

The wines pay homage to the Ganton and Larsen families; original and longstanding land-owning partners of the winery. The grapes are sourced from vineyards all across the Okanagan Valley, allowing for diversity, consistency and distinctiveness. Each varietal features a gem; a historical place, figure, animal or item from the Okanagan Valley, commemorated by original artwork from local Okanagan artists.

2009 VINTAGE REPORT

Spring was cooler and later than usual which delayed budburst, but with an overall fruit set that was quite good. A long run of dry, warm weather followed in the summer helping accelerate ripening. Ideal grape growing conditions continued into fall through all of September, which saw record warm temperatures and enabled a long hang-time on the vines. Harvest began on September 16 and finished November 3, with the Icewine picked just over a month later in early December. The warm autumn temperatures gave us whites with big, ripe tropical flavours and reds that show juicy tannin development.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2009 Vintage | 100% Chardonnay | 13.5% alc./vol. | R.S. 6.1 g/l | T.A. 5.8 g/l | 750 mL | Harvested: October 2009
20% fermented in French and American oak, 8 months sur lies | Vineyards: Oliver, Naramata & Osoyoos

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Marc Houde

Naturalist Major Allan Brooks helped organise the first Christmas Day bird count in the Okanagan in 1905. This annual affair speaks to the early and existing appreciation of nature in the Okanagan Valley. **2009**

TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 Chardonnay features luscious ripe pear and fresh apple notes which linger with a lovely long finish. This wine is crisp, elegant and well-balanced.

FOOD PAIRING NOTES

A classic Okanagan Chardonnay, this wine is ideally served slightly chilled with roasted chicken, creamy pasta sauces, or grilled vegetables.

The Okanagan Valley is full of hidden splendours waiting to be rediscovered.