

Quails' Gate 2007 Vintage Report



*Quails' Gate Pinot Noir
Bud Break in April, Field 3 Block 3*

The 2007 growing season at Quails' Gate can be described as classically Okanagan. Early spring rainfall, combined with a consistently warm, dry summer resulted in superb vine health, and consequently, the fruit for the 2007 vintage is exceptional in flavour and very plentiful.

The milestone events of the growing season occurred a few days ahead of normal, which is good evidence that earlier prescribed viticulture practices were effective.

Weather conditions during flowering were favourable with flowering occurring slightly earlier than normal in many blocks. The months of July and August were warm, providing an extended period of ripening, which created idyllic conditions for flavour and colour development. Because the number of degree days during the growing season was at the low end of our range, dedicated vineyard management, including aggressive crop thinning in June and July for many varieties, was implemented to limit crops and produce grapes that were in excellent condition at harvest with intense fruit flavours.



*Quails' Gate Pinot Noir
Flowering in June*



*Quails' Gate Pinot Noir
Veraison in August*

The first day of harvest was September 27 with completion in November. Approximately 40 hard working vineyard crew faced the challenging weather to carefully handpick the 150 acres of Quails' Gate vineyards. This year's harvest exceeded our estimates, bringing in approximately 750 tonnes.

The wines are now tucked away in the cellar and Vintage 2007 has already begun to show great promise. The slightly cooler than average growing season will lend itself well to our cool-climate varieties like Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc & Riesling which are already showing excellent flavours and a harmonious balance of residual sugar and total acidity. Our other classic varieties such as Old Vines Foch, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chasselas, Gewurztraminer benefited from the warm dry summer. We look forward to sharing our wines with you in 2008.



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Ready for Harvest September*