

# L'ACADIE VINEYARDS

**2020 Estate L'Acadie**

**Certified Organic**

**Vegan**

## **Wine Specifications**

Geographic Region: Estate, Gaspereau Valley, Nova Scotia

Blend: 100% L'Acadie Blanc

Certified Organic by Pro-Cert

Harvest: October 9, 2020

At harvest: 21 Brix, 7.8 g/l acidity

Aging: will age well into its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday owing to its backbone of minerality and dryness. Our wine library has shown interesting complex characters at 10 years with previous vintages.

Residual sugar: 1.5 g/l (dry)

Alcohol: 11.9 %

## **Winemaker Notes**

Dry with aromas of peach and passion fruit followed by orange zest and juicy orange flavours with a backbone of signature minerality and slight saline from our ancient seabed estate.

Hand harvested from 15-year-old vines with root systems over three feet deep that had to work for every inch through our well-drained, rocky schist and sandstone ancient seabed soil that naturally does not encourage high vigour. This soil is why we bought our property in 2004, very different from the typical water-holding clay loam that dominates the north ridge of our valley. We encourage a living soil supported by our organic practices so that the special terroir flavours are accentuated, and this vintage shows it off with pronounced mineral texture and a touch of saline. 50% whole cluster pressed and 50% crushed for skin contact for 24 hours before pressing. It was aged over the winter in stainless steel and bottled in the spring, finished dry to showcase its minerality.

Bronze medal 89 points, 2011 National Wine Awards of Canada.

*"Expressive of the intense nature of the early ripened grape so that fruit remains, vitality persists and balance hangs in the mid-palate."*, Michael Godell, wine judge

## **Food Pairing Suggestions**

Mild /medium and soft cheeses

Pasta with cream sauce

Roasted and stir-fried vegetables

Caesar salad

*Our winemaking has been vegan since 2010 and viticulture since 2017. We are certified to the European Biocyclic Vegan Standard, the first in North America, and all 2021 vintage wines will have the certification mark on labels. Vegan from the soil to the glass!*

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*Organic and vegan wine, from soil to glass*