



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2021 Origin

Production: 442 cases

Composition: 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc

Appellations: Carneros, Oak Knoll and Atlas Peak

Cooperage: 70% French oak barrels from 2020 aged for 16 months (Tonnellerie O, Orion Icone, Remond, Nadalier)

Alcohol: 14.8% alc, 3.68 pH, 6.5 TA

Bottling date: March 21, 2023

Release date: Winter 2024

Release price: \$60.00

Blending Origin is always an interesting adventure. Ascertaining which lots play well together and support each other is different every year. 2021 was another drought year with small crops and a cool year until fall when some higher temperatures kicked in. This gave us nice acidity, but also higher tannin levels. With more blending sessions than usual, we were able to get all 5 varieties to come together nicely. Origin has developed a following for its fruit and complexity and will develop nicely for many years.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2021 Origin has aromas of ripe black cherry, clove and toasted almond. The palate is ripe and integrated, with milk chocolate, blood orange and earl gray on the finish. So easy to drink!