



NARAMATA BENCH WINES

Terroir Tools



WHAT IS THE NARAMATA BENCH TERROIR?

When you taste a Naramata Bench wine, ask yourself – what is the sense of place in the glass?

Is it fine-textured layers of granite soil, ground by glaciers and settled into icy lakes, thousands of years ago?

Maybe, you taste the deep waters of Okanagan Lake, fed by crisp British Columbian mountain streams, or maybe it's the dry desert air, sweeping down in a rain shadow off the Coastal Mountains.

Is the temperature in the glass? Vineyards swing dramatically from -20°C to +40°C each year. The growing season shares brilliant days and cool nights. 250-300 hours of endless sunshine sparkle each summer month.

Perhaps the wine reflects the people of this place – we who choose to live down a slow, winding road, or in the charming Naramata village at the end of it. We farm with bees, flowers, sheep, chickens – growing grapes so our children can play in the vines.

Winemakers perfect our craft in collaboration with each other: As artisans, we share bottles, meals, patience and time with one another.

We feel, the Naramata Bench terroir is the holistic sum of all these physical and cultural components. Where we grow grapes, how we make wine, and the heart of our community is in each glass.



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crafted by artisans, in Canada's most charming wine community

THE NARAMATA BENCH

On the far western side of Canada, nestled between two of British Columbia's spectacular mountain ranges lies the Okanagan Valley. The Naramata Bench is a specially designated sub-geographical indication of the Okanagan Valley geographical indication, where sun, water, soil and people combine to make exceptionally crafted wines.

OUR COMMUNITY VISION

The Naramata Bench Wineries Association is a membership collective of artisan wine and beverage producers, dedicated to crafting delicious drinks on the Naramata Bench, in beautiful British Columbia, Canada.

Our vision is for the Naramata Bench to be globally recognized as Canada's most charming wine community, crafting consistently delicious wines. In this pursuit, we have committed to understanding our geo-physical and socio-cultural terroir, and sharing this special sense of place with you in each glass.



Naramata Bench

TERROIR AT A GLANCE

50 

grape varieties bottled

10 

glacier-formed soil types

3,800 

people live on the Naramata Bench

 50+

wine and craft beverage producers

1,900+ 

hours of bright sunshine annually

1,467 

growing degree days in 2021

 60°C

swing in temperature each year

346 

mm of precipitation each year

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