

About



Walter and Cristine Makepeace moved 13 times during their careers with the RCMP. In 2005, just before Walter retired from the force, they settled down in the south Similkameen Valley, buying a highway-side organic apple and peach orchard near Cawston where they could finally put down roots for themselves and for their three children. Nine years later, the property has blossomed into a family-operated estate winery that includes daughter Jennifer and sons Brad and Wes.



Recently named by enRoute Magazine as “one of the world’s 5 best wine regions you’ve never heard of,” the Similkameen wineries are starting to get some of the attention they deserve. This little patch of vineyards and orchards in the hot, dry and sunny Similkameen Valley is turning out some stunning grape and fruit wines. Set amongst the dramatic backdrop of craggy mountains, it is not surprising that wine lovers are starting to take notice.”

- Excerpt from Similkameen Wineries Association



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A crisp and clean delight to the senses. It has a bouquet of citrus, green apple, honey, and hints of apricot. On the palate you will find notes of pear, apricot, and lemon-lime, with a balanced finish. It's no wonder its one of our most popular wines. This is Walter's personal favorite, and a warm afternoon favorite for the rest of us as well.

\$19 / 750ml

This bouquet is a personal favorite of mine. It has strong notes of candied apple, strawberry and hints of eucalyptus. With bold flavors on the palate of strawberries, white plum, green apple, and red currant, it gives this rosé unique gastronomical pairing charm that is perfect for BBQ and summer salads. Patio perfection.

\$18 / 750ml

Well-deserved praise for the sun often over-shadows the effects that the moon has over our water for growing. The name is a nod of respect to the tides that influence the grapes, as well as a nod to my sister (Jenny-moon) and I who are both born under the moon signs Gemini and Cancer. Jenny's palate is educated and I trust it as well as her opinion on all things wine. It was her who influenced me to add a touch of Syrah to this Merlot, which lends it some exciting spicy notes. This is my beloved wife Tara's favorite to sip. Look for black forest cake on the bouquet (mocha, vanilla, and chocolate cherries), accompanied by dark plum and violets. The palate has notes of dark fruit cassis and some firm tannins.

\$21 / 750ml

To tell the tale of one's terroir is a wine maker who is interested in his craft's passion. Letting the expression of the grapes speak for themselves is both a balancing of every detail at every step, and having the knowledge and patience not to interfere when not necessary. This dynamic wine is my personal favorite with dark stone fruits and tobacco on the bouquet. The palate delights with earthy notes, cherries, and firm tannins. If you don't have that patience, let it breathe, and it will sing and express beautifully what our terroir has to offer when given the opportunity.

\$25 / 750ml

These grapes were grown on a spectacular elevated view of the valley and river. We gave them 100% new oak: 50% French and 50% American. This one is my mother Cristine's favorite. The bouquet has notes of black cherry, mint, plum, raspberry, blackberry, and vanilla. On the mouth it has a smooth entry with notes of vanilla, canned cherries, cassis, and a hint of black currant. Cellaring patience will be romantically rewarded. Only 75 cases made and sold exclusively from our tasting room. Hope to see you soon.

\$35 / 750ml

Bradley Makepeace
Hugging Tree Winemaker