

UPPER BENCH

WINERY & CREAMERY



Gavin Miller came to Canada in 1997, was inspired by the burgeoning wine industry in the Okanagan, and decided to go back to school to learn about grapes and wine in order to begin a career in wine sales. A short way into the course, he decided his passion was not to sell wine, but to grow grapes and make wine.

He then embarked on a 12-year career journey starting in vineyards, then into the cellar, working for most of the established wineries in and around Penticton and the Naramata Bench, notably making award-winning wines for the likes of Poplar Grove (2004 - 2008) and Painted Rock (2007 - 2010).

Gavin's passion for the vineyard and the terroir is expressed through his signature, hands-off, minimalist winemaking approach. He is known in the industry for his big Bordeaux-style reds and has a distinct way of showcasing a wine's innate varietal character. This shines through in his wines as each varietal at **Upper Bench** literally expresses its roots.

Gavin currently makes nine food and cheese friendly, single varietal wines: Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Riesling, Rosé, Pinot Noir, Zweigelt, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as an **Upper Bench** Red blend.

MINIMALIST WINEMAKING WITH A PASSION FOR FLAVOUR