

# UNSWORTH

VINEYARDS

## WINE LIST

*“A meal without wine is called breakfast.”*



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# SPARKLING

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	5OZ	750ML/BTL	MAGNUM (1.5L)
Charme de l'île	13	60	–
Charme de l'île Rosé	13	60	–
2017 Cuvée de l'île	–	–	148

## FLAVOUR PROFILES

*fresh & vibrant*

### **Charme de l'île**

Made in the same method as top Prosecco, our flagship sparkling translates to “Charme of the Island.” You’ll find a lovely frothy mousse, vibrant green apple and pear drop notes with a fun and refreshing finish.

*pretty & pink*

### **Charme de l'île Rosé**

Our rosé counterpart—crafted from Pinot Noir—is a stellar hit that continues to grow in popularity. Vibrant strawberry and Rainier cherry aromas prelude a dry and pleasing mid palate with a finish of red apple.

*complex & toasty*

### **Cuvée de l'île**

A wine of craftsmanship and patience, this traditional method wine is our answer to Champagne. Aged for a minimum of 18 months before disgorgement with a very low dosage, our Cuvée de l'île is in an extra brut style. Aromas of yellow apple and brioche precede a poised palate with delicate tight knit bubbles and a long complex finish.



# WHITE

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	5OZ	8OZ	500ML	750ML/BTL
2020 Pinot Gris	12	19	38	56
2020 Amiel	14	20	40	60
2021 Allegro	10	16	32	46
2021 Petit Milo	12	19	38	56
2021 Auxerrois	14	20	40	62
2020 Chardonnay	14	21	42	62
2020 Sauvignette	12	19	38	56

## FLAVOUR PROFILES

*light & bright*

### **Pinot Gris**

As the most widely planted white grape on Vancouver Island, there is a definite regional signature to these wines. Our Pinot Gris is a blend of a few Cowichan Vineyards we work with, including over 50% from our own vineyard. Ripe pear and lime sherbet aromas with round fruit character and a zippy refreshing mid palate and snappy finish.

### **Amiel**

Experience our inaugural bottling of this grape—unique to not only Vancouver Island, but also one of the rarest varieties on the planet. Aromas of white flowers and melon on the nose lead to a bright palate with pear and citrus flavours. Lots of fanfare and anticipation; limited production.



*zesty & floral*

### **Allegro**

A quintessential medium bodied white made from exciting Vancouver Island grape varieties—Sauvignette, Petit Milo, and Amiel—Allegro is our most dynamic wine for pairing with food and is sure to impress both the casual wine drinker and sommelier alike. Notes of grapefruit, green papaya, and white flowers complement its bright mouthfeel and generous length.

### **Petit Milo**

An off-dry foil to the rest of our decidedly dry white wines, this Petit Milo shows surprising ripe flavours of apricot, white peach, and green papaya—unexpected considering our cool climate. Due to the small berries and thick skins, it is packed with flavour to accompany its wonderful texture. Armed with a crisp finish, Petit Milo brings an exotic flair perfect for a wide array of food.

*nuanced & textured*

### **‘Wild Island’ Auxerrois**

A classic but relatively sparsely planted grape variety from Burgundy that’s not too distantly related to Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay. Ripe melon and windfall yellow apples fill the bouquet on the nose. On the palate, this wine is dry with medium body supported by soft acidity and notes of cantaloupe, lilies, and yellow apple.

### **Chardonnay**

More thrilled we could not be at the addition of Chardonnay to our winery! The cool climate expression of this most noble grape is dry and poised on the palate, with an elegant integration of fruit. In the glass it reveals complex notes of spice along with nutty and chalky minerality. Given the reviews from guests and our Wine Club, Chardonnay is certain to become a mainstay of the Unsworth Portfolio.

### **Sauvignette**

This rather unique Vancouver Island grape variety has fantastic texture due to French oak barrel fermentation and aging. Aromas of grapefruit and ripe citrus on the nose reveal flavours of green apple, peach, and subtle spice notes with an elegantly long finish.



# ROSÉ

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	5OZ	8OZ	500ML	750ML/BTL
2021 Rosé	12	19	38	56

## FLAVOUR PROFILES

*fruity & fun*

### **Rosé**

This dry Rosé has vibrant aromas of wild strawberries and cranberries on the nose that reveal flavours of Rainier cherries, rhubarb, and red apple on the palate. Although most associated with the summer months, Rosé can add sunshine to every season.



# RED

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			500ML	
2020 Pinot Noir	14	22	44	64
2020 Symphony	14	22	44	62

## FLAVOUR PROFILES

*fruity & bright*

### **Pinot Noir**

Selected from the best hillside blocks from our vineyards, the Pinot Noir fruit that is destined for this red wine is handled with the utmost care; consistent with premium Pinot Noir production around the globe. Volumes are low to keep quality high. This wine is a light and vibrant expression of coastal Pinot Noir with a depth of flavour and complexity that impresses the most discerning of drinker. Aromas of cherry and dried strawberry with notes of dried leaves and subtle spice are complemented by hallmark flavours of dark cherry—a Vancouver Island Pinot Noir trademark.

*structured & savoury*

### **Symphony**

A unique style of wine to Vancouver Island, Symphony is ripe and surprisingly full bodied considering our mild climate. Wild berries, currants, dried tobacco, and notes of coastal forests on the nose give way to structured tannins, cherries, and exotic spices on the palate.



# DESSERT

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	3OZ	500ML
Ovation	10	42

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

A sweet, fortified dessert wine crafted from our oldest—and now extinct—block of Marachel Foch, Ovation is blended in a Solera meaning there are in 10+ vintages in each bottling. The resulting wine is deep crimson red in colour with black cherry and plum notes on the nose. On the palate, flavours of sweet cherries, baking spice, earthy chocolate, and dried cranberries lead to a long, pleasing finish.







## OUR VINES

Unsworth Vineyards farms 11 acres of estate vineyard here in Mill Bay, including 4 acres of Pinot Gris, 1 acre of Pinot Noir, and a mix of hybrids found in Allegro and Symphony as well as our single varietal Amiel. After a decade of learning what varieties work better than others in our unique climate, we are grafting some vines over to other suitable varieties in the coming years.

At the end of 2020, we purchased 60 acres in Sahtlam, between Duncan and Lake Cowichan. In spring 2022, we planted 8 more acres there and are planning for 40+ more in the spring of 2023. This new vineyard will be planted mainly with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay along with a smattering of Gamay, and maybe another surprise or two.

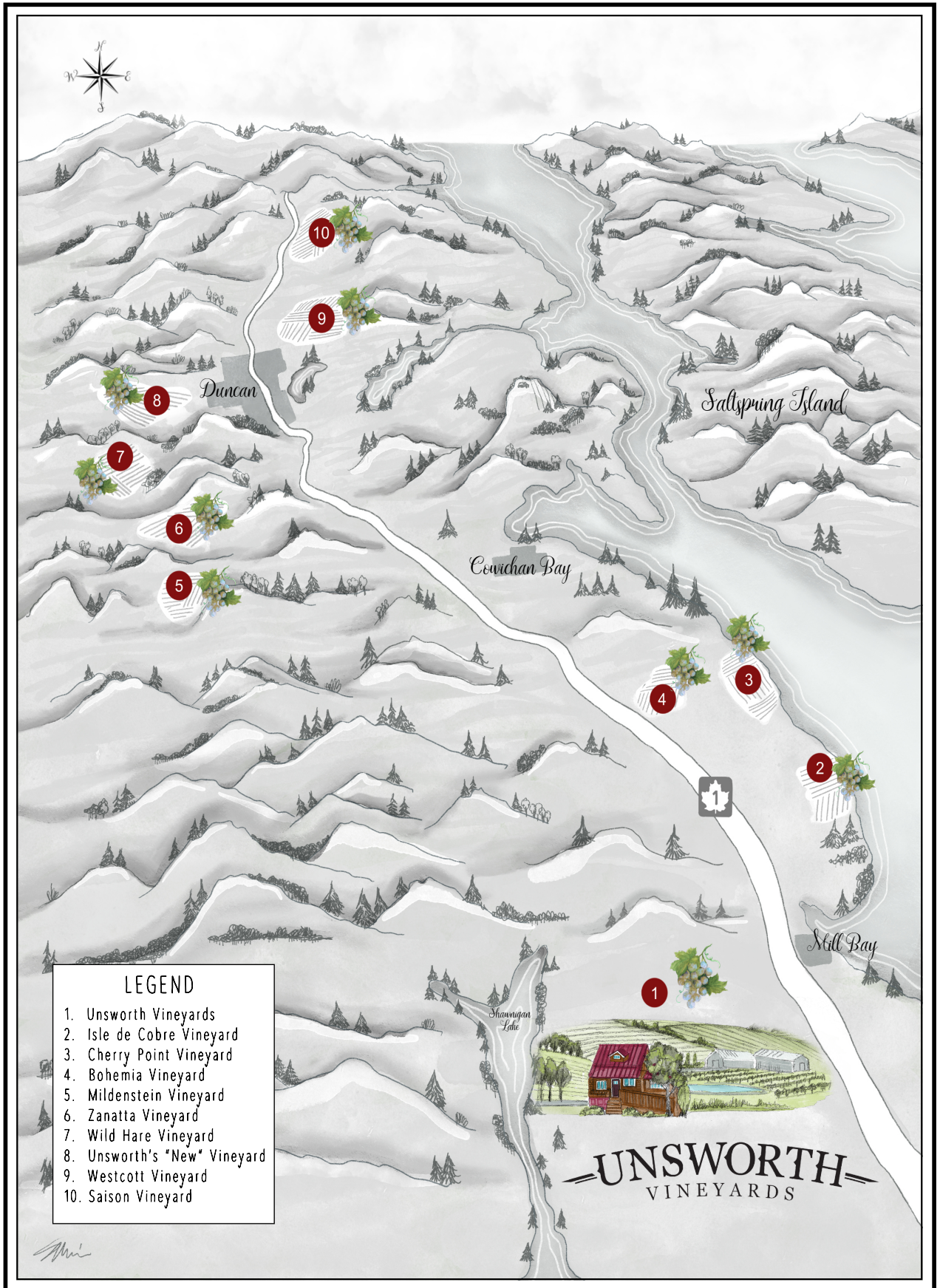
One of the most unique factors about Unsworth is that we work with roughly 10 other vineyards in the Cowichan Valley and a few others on Vancouver Island. Our vineyard team takes on full management of some vineyards, lends a hand at others, and we purely buy fruit from a couple. Working with this breadth of varieties and vineyards from all corners of our region gives winemaker, Dan Wright, and his team a unique insight into the terroir of Cowichan.

*“God made only water, but man made wine.”*

–Victor Hugo



# OUR COWICHAN VALLEY VINEYARDS



# VINEYARD PROFILES

*Numbering correlates with the Cowichan Valley map on the previous page.*

## **1. Unsworth Vineyards, Mill Bay**

Sitting on a local soil class called Fairbridge, the vines at our estate are planted on a marine silt soil. This clay loam is ideal for retaining soil moisture throughout the growing season providing the vines with all the water they need naturally. Unsworth Vineyards was purchased in 2009 by the Turyk family, which at the time, was comprised of 2 acres of Marechal Foch. After farming this property for over a decade we now have strategic clarity on precisely what likes to grow here in our mild, Mediterranean-like climate—labelled “Canada’s Provence” by the late, distinguished foodie, James Barber.

After planting a series of new and unique varieties like Sauvignette, Labelle, Amiel, and Cabernet Libre—and of course, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris—we are beginning the process of replanting the Foch with Pinot Noir and grafting parts of the vineyard to Pinot Noir. The proximity to Mill Bay and 80 metres of elevation provides the perfect location for Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir for Rosé, and a smattering of other varieties.

## **2. Isle de Cobre Vineyard, Cowichan Valley**

Just steps away from Cherry Point Beach, Isle de Cobre is home to much of our Petit Milo. We have been working with owners, Gibson and Lorna, since the planting of their spectacularly beautiful coastal vineyard, and we continue to assist.



### **3. Cherry Point Vineyard, Cowichan Valley**

Unsworth is fortunate to purchase fruit from other vineyards with their own wineries, as is the case with Cherry Point Vineyard. We work with this team to buy Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir which are used for our white and rosé Charmé de l'île sparkling wines. Cherry Point is situated 60-feet above Cherry Point Beach on two different types of marine silts called Cowichan and Fairbridge.

### **4. Bohemia Vineyard, Cowichan Valley**

A very small site at less than 2 acres, this vineyard provides Unsworth with a mix of varieties, including Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. With a perfect southwest aspect at an elevation of 72-80 metres, the warm afternoon sun blankets the Fairbridge soil vineyard for a long, even ripening period. The established vines are some of the oldest we work with and are now farmed by our vineyard team.

### **5. Mildenstein Vineyard, Glenora**

Formerly the Godfrey-Brownell Estate Vineyard. After years of no management, a hardworking farm family from Alberta moved to Cowichan and rehabilitated this impressive vineyard in Glenora with help from Unsworth. They grow many varieties and Unsworth works with them to source our Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Gamay. Mildenstein sits at an 80-foot elevation on a marine silt soil locally called Hillbank, which is similar to Fairbridge.

### **6. Zanatta Vineyard, Glenora**

This pioneering vineyard was the first to plant on Vancouver Island in the early 1970's. We now work with Zanatta Vineyard to procure our Auxerrois and some Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. The soil type at Zanatta is called Qualicum, which is a glacial till, and like the Shawnigan soil of Saison Vineyard, it is free draining so the soil dries out early in the growing season to allow the grapes to develop concentration of flavour and sugars.



## **7. Wild Hare Vineyard, Sahtlam**

Located in Sahtlam, directly west of Duncan, Wild Hare Vineyard sits on a knoll at an elevation of 70-80 metres with a south and southwest facing apron made up of predominantly sandy loam called Beddis. This young vineyard boasts Sauvignette and Pinot Meunier. It is just down the street from our new vineyard site, providing a glimpse into the future of wine growing in this new area of the Cowichan Valley for viticulture.

## **8. Wescott Vineyard, North Cowichan**

Located on Wescott Road in North Cowichan by Somenos Lake, Wescott grows Sauvignette and has been used in Allegro as well. The soils of Wescott are similar to Unsworth's Fairbridge—a marine silt with clay. Wescott Vineyard is in a very warm little pocket next to our friends Mike and Robin at Emandere Vineyard.

## **9. Saison Vineyard, North Cowichan**

Located off Mays Road in North Cowichan, Saison is a beautiful slope at 40-65 feet of elevation on a special soil locally called Shawnigan. It is a marine silt loam, which features the highest volume of coarse rocks. This allows the soil to dry out earlier in the growing season providing vines with that famous struggle they need to produce flavourful and complex fruit. The Pinot Gris has been bottled on its own with its vineyard namesake as well as part of our Cowichan Valley Pinot Gris. The special Pinot Noir from Saison is the backbone of our Cowichan Valley Pinot Noir along with being bottled on its own. There are four well known “Dijon Clones” of Pinot Noir grown here—115 (Rosé); and for red 667 and 777; and the crowd favourite 828.



## **10. Unsworth’s “New” Vineyard, Sahtlam**

Last year Unsworth purchased 60 acres northwest of Duncan on Menzies Road. It has yet to be named but will soon be the heart of Unsworth’s Pinot Noir and Chardonnay production. The slope and aspect could not be better, and we are beyond excited to plant roughly 45 acres in 2022 and 2023. The remaining 15 acres are dedicated to elk corridors, riparian areas, flowering pasture for our neighbouring beekeepers, and a substantial irrigation pond ensuring not one drop of water is drawn from aquifers.

## **Sunnydale Vineyard, Saanichton**

*Located outside the Cowichan Valley, therefore not shown on the map.*

Pinot Noir Clone 164 bottling, for its namesake vineyard, is a highlight every year. Sunnydale Vineyard sits on a slightly different composition of sandy marine silt that’s locally called Saanichton. Sunnydale, as its name suggests, has a fabulous aspect and slope at 70-90 feet of elevation to maximize sunlight penetration through the canopy. Clone 164 is generally a sparkling clone of Pinot Noir, but due to its fabulous ripeness, we choose to craft it into a stellar Rosé. We also procure Sauvignette from Sunnydale which is used in our Sauvignette and Allegro.

