

The Restaurant at
UNSWORTH
VINEYARDS

WINE LIST

“A meal without wine is called breakfast.”



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SPARKLING

	5OZ	750ML/BTL	MAGNUM (1.5L)
Charme de l'île	14	58	-
Charme de l'île Rosé	14	58	-
2018 Cuvée de l'île	-	96	-
2017 Cuvée de l'île	-	-	188
Henriot . Brut Souverin <i>Champagne, France</i>	26	110	-



FLAVOUR PROFILES

fresh and 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 and 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 and 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.

Henriot . Brut Souverin . Champagne, France

Why Champagne? Due to dwindling volumes of 2018 Cuvée de l'île, we decided to offer one of our favourite Champagnes by the glass. A balanced blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and a touch of Pinot Meunier, with a harmonious 7g/l dosage, Henriot is a fabulous example of the quality we are expecting with the growth of our traditional method Cuvée de l'île.



WHITE

	5OZ	8OZ	500ML	750ML/BTL
PINOT GRIS				
2023 Cowichan Valley Pinot Gris	-	-	-	50
2022 Cowichan Valley Pinot Gris	12	17	34	50
2021 Cowichan Valley Pinot Gris	-	-	-	54
2023 Saison Vineyard Pinot Gris	-	-	-	60
2022 Saison Vineyard Pinot Gris	-	-	-	64
2020 Saison Vineyard Pinot Gris	-	-	-	72
2019 Saison Vineyard Pinot Gris	-	-	-	76
2023 Unsworth Vineyard Pinot Gris	14	21	42	60
2021 Unsworth Vineyard Pinot Gris	-	-	-	68
CHARDONNAY				
2022 Cowichan Valley Chardonnay	14	21	42	60
2021 Cowichan Valley Chardonnay	-	-	-	64
2020 Cowichan Valley Chardonnay	-	-	-	68
2019 Cowichan Valley Chardonnay	-	-	-	72



WHITE

	5OZ	8OZ	500ML	750ML/BTL
AUXERROIS				
2022 'Wild Island' Auxerrois	13	20	40	58
2021 'Wild Island' Auxerrois	-	-	-	62
2020 'Wild Island' Auxerrois	-	-	-	66
AROMATIC WHITES				
2021 Sauvignette	13	20	40	58
2022 Allegro	11	17	33	48
2022 Petit Milo	12	18	36	53

WHITE

FLAVOUR PROFILES

light & bright

Cowichan Valley 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.

Saison Vineyard Pinot Gris

The Saison effect is an increase in intensity and delicacy. The style is coastal electric with a silky, leesy undercurrent to keep it running through the palate. A chiselled, clean finish lingers with a scent of the sea that few places can match.

Unsworth Vineyard Pinot Gris

Unsworth's Estate Vineyard showcases the bright minerality and incisive acidity that we've come to expect from the coastal influence. These wines show a lean fruit profile with citrus and green apple with a long saline finish.

nuanced & textured

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.

‘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.

Cowichan Valley 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.

zesty & floral

Allegro

A quintessential medium-bodied white made from exciting Vancouver Island grape varieties—Sauvignette, Petit Milo—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.



ROSÉ

	5OZ	8OZ	500ML	750ML/BTL
2022 Rosé	12	18	36	53
2023 Sunnydale Vineyard Rosé	14	21	42	60

FLAVOUR PROFILES

fun and fruity

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.

Sunnydale Vineyard Rosé

Sunnydale Vineyard, located on the Saanich Peninsula's Mount Newton, has been supplying Unsworth with Pinot Noir grapes since our inaugural vintage. This rosé is bone dry, fruit forward, and with savoury undertones of sage, heather, and the warm hillside slopes from which the fruit originates.



RED

	5OZ	8OZ	500ml	BTL	1500ml
PINOT NOIR					
2022 Cowichan Valley Pinot Noir	16	24	49	72	-
2021 Cowichan Valley Pinot Noir	-	-	-	77	150
2020 Cowichan Valley Pinot Noir	-	-	-	82	-
2019 Cowichan Valley Pinot Noir	-	-	-	87	-
2018 Cowichan Valley Pinot Noir	-	-	-	92	-
2021 Saison Vineyard Pinot Noir	-	-	-	110	220
2020 Saison Vineyard Pinot Noir	-	-	-	120	240
2019 Saison Vineyard Pinot Noir	-	-	-	130	-
2018 Saison Vineyard Pinot Noir	-	-	-	140	-
SYMPHONY					
2021 Symphony	14	21	42	60	-
2020 Symphony	-	-	-	60	-



FLAVOUR PROFILES

fruity & bright

Cowichan Valley 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.

*structured &
savoury*

Saison Vineyard Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir is very close to our hearts at Unsworth Vineyards. We felt a few barrels of our 2021 Pinot Noirs needed to be reserved and highlighted in a single vineyard expression. Experience its depth and intensity, while still being light and bright on the palate. Dark cherries and bramble fill the nose and mid-palate, leading to a long and silky finish.

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

	3OZ	500ML
Ovation	10	50

FLAVOUR PROFILES

sweet & headonistic

Ovation

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.

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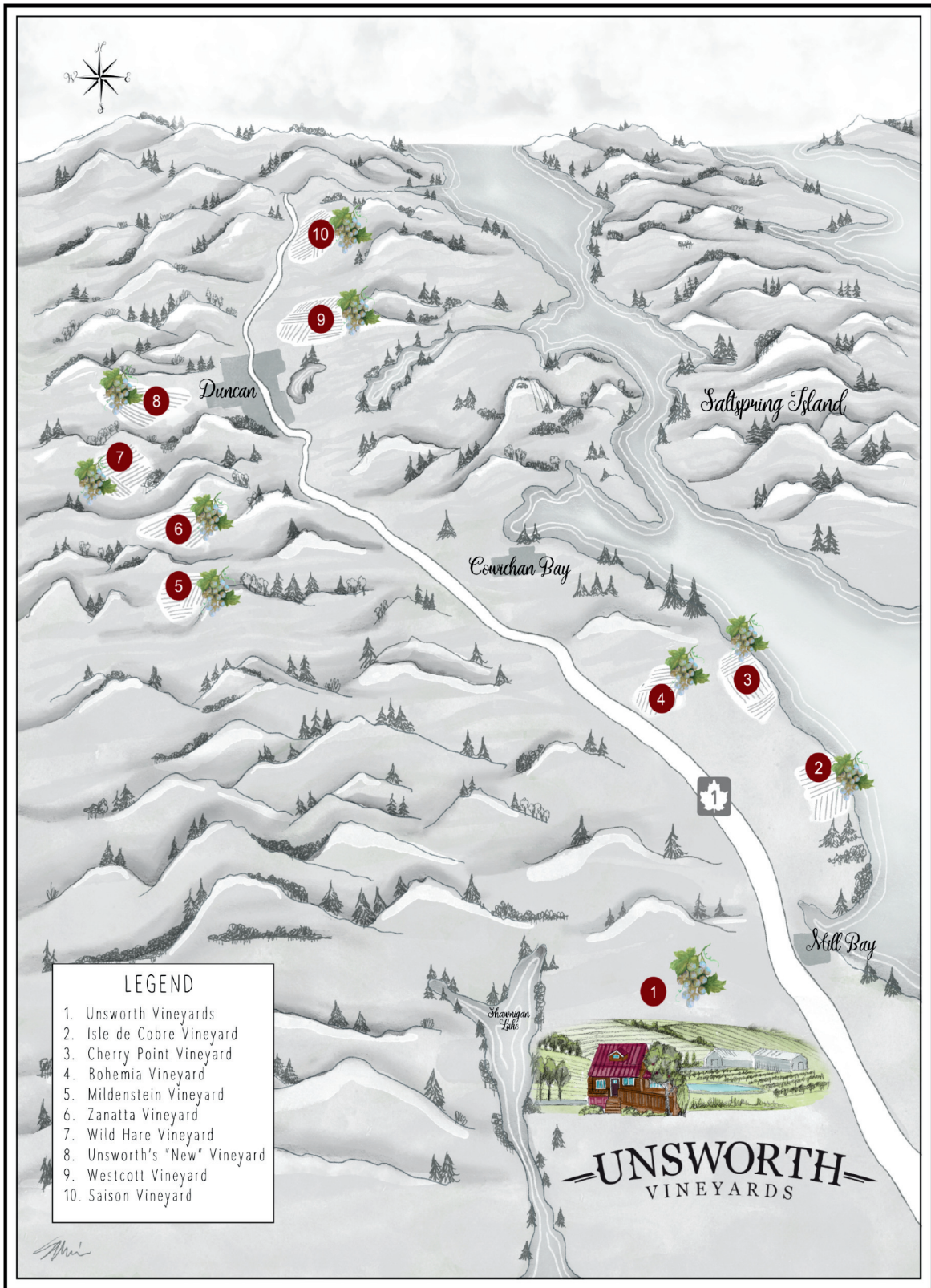
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“God made only water, but man made wine.”

- Victor Hugo



COWICHAN VALLEY VINEYARDS



- LEGEND**
1. Unsworth Vineyards
 2. Isle de Cobre Vineyard
 3. Cherry Point Vineyard
 4. Bohemia Vineyard
 5. Mildenstein Vineyard
 6. Zanatta Vineyard
 7. Wild Hare Vineyard
 8. Unsworth's "New" Vineyard
 9. Westcott Vineyard
 10. Saison Vineyard





VINEYARD PROFILES

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

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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.



8. Unsworth’s “New” Vineyard, Sahtlam

In 2020 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 planted roughly 43 acres in 2022 and 2023. The remaining 15 acres are dedicated to elk corridors, riparian areas, flowering pastures for our neighbouring beekeepers, and a substantial irrigation pond ensuring not one drop of water is drawn from aquifers.

9. 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.

10. 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.



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.





VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

2023

Growing Degree Days (GDD): 1176

Rainfall: Average

Budbreak: Average

Harvest: Early

Cowichan had an excellent vintage in 2023. Budbreak was normal to late in timing, but temperatures began to increase in the spring with warmer than normal conditions resulting in flowering taking place earlier, or similar to normal timing. Rainfall varied by location through the spring but by summer, we reported above-average temperatures and significantly less rainfall than normal, making for ideal ripening conditions. As a result, veraison was ahead of schedule and the harvested fruit arrived at higher sugar levels than in a typical year. Yields were close to average overall with very high quality and with Pinot Noir as the standout variety. The wines in the glass are elegant, fresh, ripe and concentrated.

2022

Growing Degree Days (GDD): 1126

Rainfall: Average

Budbreak: Late

Harvest: Late

A late start to the season due to a cool and wet spring gave way, finally to a hot and dry finish to the season starting from mid-July through harvest. Budbreak was late and flowering was 3-4 weeks later than typical due to the cool wet weather. The sun came out in July and the beautiful finish to the season ended up with more accumulation of growing degree days than 2021. Harvest was late with a generous volume of fruit. The resulting wines are light, perfumed, elegant and supple.



2021

Growing Degree Days (GDD): 1121

Rainfall: Average

Budbreak: Average

Harvest: Early

2021 was a warm year and featured the infamous heat dome of late June which advances vine phenology at flowering and leads to an early and compact harvest. The wines are fresh, ripe, vibrant and have a resolve to the elegant tannins.

2020

Growing Degree Days (GDD): 1048

Rainfall: Average (sporadic)

Budbreak: Average

Harvest: Average

A slightly cooler year than the 5-year average. Budbreak was in the usual timeframe and then a cooler and rainy June made for a later-than-average flowering before the warmth of July and August. Overall, 2020 was a cooler season, but the wines are fresh, light and focused style with natural acidity, balance and slightly lower alcohols.



2019

Growing Degree Days (GDD): 1054

Rainfall: Average

Budbreak: Average

Harvest: Average

A relatively dry March led to an early budbreak with flowering following along slightly early as well. June and July were a little wetter but warm enough for ripening to progress at a rate like recent vintages. Around the second week of September, frequent rain events began, increasing pressure to harvest. Early October saw drier conditions return with most fruit harvested from the end of September through to the middle of October.

2018

Growing Degree Days (GDD): 1093

Rainfall: Average

Budbreak: Average

Harvest: Average

On the Islands, bud break occurred around the long-term average in early May. Some rain in June affected the flowering process and lowered yields slightly. A long, warm, dry fall made for ideal harvest conditions. Overall quantity is down from recent vintages but quality high in 2018. The wines show bright acid, full flavour development and without some of the surprising potential alcohols we had in 2015 and 2017.

