

QUAILS' GATE

Okanagan Valley

2009 Vintage Report

The 2009 grape growing season began late, following a severely long and cold winter in the Okanagan. Bud break was observed on May 11th, a week later than average and initial growth was slow with cold weather persisting through May.

June brought much needed heat and dry conditions, which changed the vintage outlook considerably. Flowering began on June 16th, a week ahead of average followed by heat and dry conditions prevailing through July and August.

Intensive canopy management and crop thinning over this period has provided good vine balance and exposure to sunlight. The Estate vineyards are now ready to maximize the remaining summer sunshine and we are looking forward to an excellent harvest in late September and October.

~ Winemaker Grant Stanley