



Claude and Katherine Blankiet, along with winemaker Graeme MacDonald, opted to take all their best lots in 2020 and bottle a single wine, their Prince of Hearts. It is **one of the better wines of this very challenging year**. I also had a chance to taste several component samples from 2021, a much more favorable vintage that may very well take its place among the great vintages here.

2020 PRINCE OF HEARTS 92 points (Drinking window 2023 – 2030)

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The 2020 Prince of Hearts is the only wine that Claude & Katherine Blankiet bottled in 2020. It possesses quite a bit of depth and power, along with the distinctly ripe profile of a year marked by severe heat and drought before the fires became an issue. This is a good example of a wine smoke-affected, but not tainted. Because of the severe lack of sunlight, sugars ripened while phenolics stalled. As a result, the tannins are a bit severe. Even though, this is a very good wine.

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