



COMPOSITION

20% sand 34% silt

46% clay

IMPACT ON VINES (Compared to other Groth blocks)

Vigorous vines Larger canopies

Later ripening for red varieties

39% sand 32% silt 29% clay

Moderate vigor

60% sand 30% silt 10% clay

Smaller canopy
Earlier ripening
Smaller berries
More concentrated flavors

entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon, is an anomaly within the greater 165 acres that comprise the Groth Vineyards estate, and indeed within the Oakville AVA itself. It is the soils that set this narrow band of vineyard apart. While generally described as gravelly, sandy loam, they also feature an abundance of red chert, a hard sedimentary rock made up of small quartz crystals and fossils. These rocks were deposited in this thin sliver of land by an alluvial fan flowing out of the Vaca Range to the east millions of years ago. Found in disproportionate amounts in this part of Oakville, they represent the heart and soul of the "sweet spot" we call our Reserve Cabernet Vineyard.