

2020

HESTER CREEK



GARLAND



ORIGIN WINES

Wines of phenomenal origin and destiny, the Judge and Garland are crafted from the best barrels in our cellar, and are an authentic expression of our historic Golden Mile Bench estate.

HARVEST & VITICULTURE REPORT

From a winemaking perspective 2020 was an exceptional vintage in the South Okanagan. Early spring started out colder than average but by mid-to-late June, temperatures were at or above average. Following a summer that began a little later than usual, September was very warm resulting in our vineyards seeing a smaller than average crop with smaller grape bunches. The vines benefited from a dry September, with a smaller berry size contributing to concentrated flavours. The warm weather in late September and early October enabled the grapes to reach ideal phenolic ripeness, with our white varietals all handpicked and fermenting in tank by the first week of October. Following a warm start to fall, the weather turned and we saw a rare snowfall and a freezing event in the valley on October 23rd. Fortunately, the majority of our red grapes were harvested by this time. From a temperature perspective, the 2020 vintage was the 5th warmest in growing degree days in the last 2 decades. Overall, the 2020 season delivered exceptional quality grapes of a smaller berry size with abundant ripe fruit and beautifully enhanced flavour profiles. It is a year where the quality will be talked about for years to come, producing wines that are cellar worthy.

WINEMAKING

Comprised of three varietals and leading with Cabernet Sauvignon, our 2020 Garland was handcrafted as a traditional Bordeaux-style blend. Each varietal was hand harvested, sorted and destemmed, leaving the berries as whole as possible. Each lot was cold soaked for 48 hours prior to an extended fermentation, then gently pressed to showcase the phenolic ripeness and depth of colour. The Petit Verdot and Malbec were co-fermented, then blended with the Cabernet Sauvignon to age for 24 months in French oak. The vintage was bottled on May 12, 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Layered in complexity, our 2020 Garland leads with enticing aromas of blackberry and cedar with a hint of light, herbal mint and earthy notes. The palate is brimming with black fruit, caramel and firm tannins which lead to a long, memorable finish that lingers on the palate. Pair this wine with peppercorn steak or a portobello mushroom with blue cheese.

Harvest Date	October 20-November 1, 2020	Winery Price	\$64.99 (BC+tax)
Bottling Date	May 12, 2023	CSPC	145362
Grape Variety	81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec	UPC	626990222118
Vegan	Yes		
Aging	24 months		
Oak	100% French		
Ageability	Enjoy now or cellar up to 15 years		
Alcohol	14.2%		
Residual Sugar	0.3 g/L		
pH	3.7		
Total Acidity	6.8 g/L		
Brix at Harvest	26.3 average		
Availability	Wine Shop, Bench Club, online, wherever fine wines are sold in BC		