

2021

HESTER CREEK



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Ultra-premium red wines that tell the story of Hester Creek's history and sense of place in the Okanagan Valley.

HARVEST & VITICULTURE REPORT

The 2021 growing season in the South Okanagan was one for the history books as the driest on record, due in large part to the "Heat Dome" and its record-breaking high temperatures. It was also one of the warmest years, seeing the most growing degree days GDD (1758) since 2015. Following flowering, we experienced an extremely dry and hot June during fruit set. The heat led to a lighter fruit set and smaller berry size than usual. While there was less fruit per vine and the yield was light in volume, on the upside the smaller berries in the clusters resulted in more concentrated flavours and colours on the red varietals. Similarly, for the white varietals there are intense flavours and vibrant aromatics. With the warm dry season, the grapes reached phenolic ripeness earlier than usual with harvest commencing and finishing early. We began picking the whites on August 27th for our Ti Amo (Prosecco-style sparkling wine). We started picking our first reds in mid-September with our Block 10 Merlot on September 14th at our historic Golden Mile Bench estate vineyard. We finished our last estate reds pick with Cabernet Sauvignon from Block 8 of our Golden Mile Bench vineyard on October 28, 2021. Overall, the 2021 harvest produced wines of outstanding quality and varietal character. We expect to see some intense, fruit driven wines, with excellent depth of flavour.

WINEMAKING

The second vintage of our Winemaker's Trilogy was artfully crafted using Petit Verdot, Malbec and the best showing varietal in 2021, Syrah. The Petit Verdot and Malbec were hand harvested on October 12th and co-fermented for 20 days before being gently pressed off the skins and encouraged through a malolactic fermentation. The Syrah was handpicked on October 13th and underwent a 15-day fermentation before pressing and subsequent malolactic fermentation. The lots were barreled down into French oak then cross blended in the spring of 2022. The resulting blend was aged for a further two years in barrel and bottled on May 24, 2024.

TASTING NOTES

A distinguished wine full of depth and nuance, the nose displays rich aromas of cocoa, espresso, eucalyptus and cherry. The palate carries layered notes of chocolate, caramel toast and stewed dark berries which result in a youthful tannin structure on the finish. This 2021 vintage of our Winemaker's Trilogy will pair nicely with a slow-braised beef ragu.

Harvest Date	October 12 & 13, 2021	Winery Price	\$100 (BC+tax)
Bottling Date	May 24, 2024	CSPC	268378
Grape Variety	66% Petit Verdot, 20% Syrah, 14% Malbec	UPC	696852043779
Vegan	Yes		
Aging	31 months		
Oak	100% French		
Ageability	Enjoy now or cellar up to 15 years		
Alcohol	14.0%		
Residual Sugar	0.2 g/L		
pH	3.8		
Total Acidity	6.8 g/L		
Brix at Harvest	24.0 average		
Availability	Bench Club		