



MISSION HILL

FAMILY ESTATE

2020 RESERVE CHARDONNAY

An Uncompromising Expression of the Okanagan Valley.

VINTAGE REPORT

Average Okanagan spring temperatures began the 2020 growing season with periods of unusually cold and wet weather. Colder periods progressed into the early spring contributing to a marginal fruit set, but as the season progressed into the summer months we regained our highly celebrated Okanagan conditions. The consistently warm weather following the spring was essential for encouraging healthy vine growth, even flowering and a healthy fruit set. The dry, warm and hot summer produced good growth permitting all varieties to ripen with excellent balance and incredible flavour intensity. The ripening (veraison) period was near perfect as a result of the warm and dry summer conditions extending through autumn and into the fall and our 2021 harvest concluded on October 30, marking a short, but beautiful vintage in the Okanagan.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2020 Reserve Chardonnay was sourced from four of our estate vineyards – Black Sage Bench, Oliver East, Osoyoos, and Naramata Ranch. The Oliver Vineyard estate includes the blocks of vines that our original award-winning Chardonnay was sourced from 20 years ago providing an excellent foundation and key characteristics of our unique wine style. Osoyoos is comprised of arid benchlands that benefit from the Osoyoos Lake effect giving the area more than 200 frost-free days and the Naramata Ranch estate is a stunning beauty that also benefits from the lake's moderating influence.

TASTING NOTES

Fresh citrus and ripe stone fruit aromas are complemented by an exciting line of acidity and silky smooth texture from subtle oak aging.

VARIETAL | 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

ESTATE | 37% Black Sage, 34% Osoyoos East, 20% Golden Mile, 9% Naramata

MATURATION | Fermented and aged in barriques and puncheons (93%), 6% Foudre and 1% concrete egg

ABV | 12.9% **TA** | 7.1 g/L **PH** | 3.21



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