



MISSION HILL

Family Estate

2018 RESERVE MERITAGE

An Uncompromising Expression of the Okanagan Valley.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2018 harvest began earlier than anticipated due to above average growing degree days in the spring. Summer arrived with cooler temperatures, encouraging the fruit to develop beautiful acidity and allowing more time for full flavour retention. One of the coolest Septembers on record followed, slowing down the sugar accumulation and allowing the fruit to fully develop phenologically. Harvest concluded on November 8, with the extended season yielding a crop of uniformly ripened fruit with mouthwatering freshness and acidity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2018 Reserve Meritage was grown in two of our estate vineyards in Oliver and Osoyoos. The vineyard in Oliver, first planted in 1996, is incredibly diverse with more than 60 unique individual blocks. The Osoyoos vineyard is the region's most southern area and benefits from the lake's warming effect, providing more than 200 frost-free days.

TASTING NOTES

The Reserve Meritage is incredibly fresh with grapefruit and ripe apricot on the nose. The palate offers a terrific balance of layered texture and bright acidity.



VARIETAL | 51% Sauvignon Blanc, 49% Semillon

APPELLATION | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

ESTATE | Oliver (82%), Osoyoos (18%)

MATURATION | 30% fermented in oak (13% new, 17% neutral) and 6% fermented in concrete egg

ABV | 13.1% **TA** | 6.3 g/L **PH** | 3.11