



# MISSION HILL

*Family Estate*

## 2017 RESERVE CHARDONNAY

*An Uncompromising Expression of the Okanagan Valley.*

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2017 harvest, lasting 66 days, was one of extremes. The harvest started later than anticipated, with a cool, wet spring. However, a record-breaking dry spell followed in July and August, with temperatures well above seasonal norms. This warm, dry summer resulted in a crop of small, concentrated berries that should produce wines of exceptional depth and intensity. The harvest concluded on October 30, yielding a crop reminiscent of the incredible 2009 vintage.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2017 Reserve Chardonnay was sourced from three of our estate vineyards – Oliver, 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

Our Reserve Chardonnay highlights the excellence of the Okanagan! A tremendous balance of texture, acidity and freshness. Bright apple, lemon, tropical fruit and a hint of baking spice are all balanced with an elegant texture and fresh acidity on the palate.



**VARIETAL** | 100% Chardonnay

**APPELLATION** | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

**ESTATE** | Oliver (59%), Osoyoos (26%),  
Naramata Ranch (15%)

**MATURATION** | 88% fermented and aged in oak (20% new),  
balance concrete egg and stainless steel

**ABV** | 13.3%   **TA** | 6.6 g/L   **PH** | 3.18