



MISSION HILL

FAMILY ESTATE

2020 RESERVE MERLOT

An Uncompromising Expression of the Okanagan Valley.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2020 harvest proved to be one of extremes. The spring began with unusually cold and wet weather, but our team of dedicated viticulturists took up the challenge and saw us through to a warm and beautiful Okanagan summer. The fall was incredible, with warm days extending long into September and October, with almost no precipitation. The result is densely fruited with an abundance of fine tannins

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2020 Reserve Merlot was grown in two of our estate vineyards. Osoyoos, the region's most southern area, is comprised of arid benchlands that benefit from the lake's effect providing the region with more than 200 frost-free days. This warm climate allows our Bordeaux varietals to completely ripen for full flavour. The Oliver Vineyard estate is a diverse vineyard with more than 60 different individual blocks, affording us an amazing array of premium quality fruit.

TASTING NOTES

Full-bodied and well structured, this wine is introduced with elegant notes of wild blackberry and dark cherry on the nose. The palate is rich with ripe dark fruits, refined tannins and a persistent finish.

VARIETAL | 94% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon,
1% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

ESTATE | Osoyoos (55%), Oliver (45%)

HARVESTED | September 2020

MATURATION | 15 months in French Oak

ABV | 14.1% **TA** | 6.8 g/L **PH** | 3.5



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