



MISSION HILL

Family Estate

RESERVE



Mission Hill Family Estate Reserve wines are elegant and balanced, reflecting our passion and commitment to viticultural and winemaking excellence. The limited quantity wines are produced from select vineyard properties and showcase the distinctiveness of the world-renowned Okanagan Valley.

2012 Pinot Noir

Vintage Report

The 2012 vintage is a reminder that the Okanagan is one of the world's northern-most serious wine regions. After a generally dry, warm growing season, the last few weeks of harvest 'chilled out'. The summer ensured ideal fruit development resulting in slightly reduced workloads in our vineyards. Yields were spot-on and summer pruning was not as involved as in previous years. Veraison took place under nearly ideal conditions that lasted from mid-August to the end of September. The continuation of mild, sunny autumn weather gave rise to optimism among our winemakers with reports of grapes having developed thick skins and expectations of flavourful, extracted wines. The harvest began on September 13th with sunny skies and moderate temperatures, delivering the early ripening varieties. The night cooled drastically in the second half of September, preserving the freshness of our top quality wines and bringing welcome respite after an incredibly dry growing season.

Tasting Notes

Elegant and graceful, with pure, ripe red berry, spice, anise and mineral that gain depth and length, ending with complex flavours of raspberry, black cherry, and Asian spices. The supple palate bursts with wild berry fruit and is further enhanced by a subtle hint of French oak.

Winemaker's Notes

100% Pinot Noir
13.5% alc./vol. | R.S. 4.5 g/l | T.A. 5.3 g/l
750 mL
Aged in French oak for 9 months
Harvested: October & November, 2012
Vineyards: Kelowna & Naramata

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