



# MISSION HILL

*Family Estate*

## 2018 RESERVE RIESLING

*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 Riesling was farmed in two of our estate vineyards in West Kelowna and Naramata. Our West Kelowna vineyard, perched on the brow of Mount Bourcherie, an inactive volcano, has steep, hillside vineyards with a southeast aspect. Our Naramata Ranch vineyard enjoys the Okanagan Lake's moderating influence, which provides ideal growing conditions for Riesling and an extended ripening period.

### TASTING NOTES

Vibrant acidity and incredible freshness, complemented with crisp pear, green apple, juicy lime and a stony minerality.



**VARIETAL** | 100% Riesling

**APPELLATION** | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

**ESTATE** | West Kelowna (60%), Naramata (40%)

**MATURATION** | 100% stainless steel barrels

**ABV** | 10.9%   **TA** | 9.6 g/L   **PH** | 2.83