



MISSION HILL FAMILY ESTATE

Estate Series

The Estate Series

The Estate Series demonstrates Mission Hill Family Estates commitment to craftsmanship and sustainability in our estate owned and farmed vineyards. The result of our careful farming practices and close vine management, these estate grown wines speak to our relentless quest to produce best in class BC wines.

MISSION HILL ESTATE SERIES 2014 CABERNET MERLOT

Winemaker's Notes

Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot join to create a balanced blend that provides both grace and complexity. Cassis and red currant aromas on the nose compliment the vanilla, lavender, and Tobacco notes present from oak aging. In a word – smooth.

Vintage Report

The 2014 vintage started well and was near perfect. Winter and spring rains followed by encouraging July weather allowed the vines to focus on berry-set along with growing bunches. Hot weather in the summer months and an absence of rain saw the vine respond appropriately. Well thought out drip irrigation was a saviour this year, allowing the vines to maintain sufficient health to ripen. The dry, warm and hot summer produced good growth with all varieties to ripening with excellent balance. Cooler autumn months, along with further assistance by rigorous leaf plucking and bunch thinning, helped promote distinct varietal flavours. When the Okanagan's warmest and driest growing season concluded on November 4th, it was judged as challenging but ultimately rewarding. Vineyards lived up to their pedigrees producing outstanding wines for the 2014 vintage.

Wine Information

Vintage: 2014

Vineyard: 56% Oliver, 44% Osoyoos

Blend: 45% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

Aging: 15 months French and American Oak

Alc: 14.2% | TA: 2.0 g/L | pH: 3.67

Closure: Screw Top

Bottle: Bordeaux

