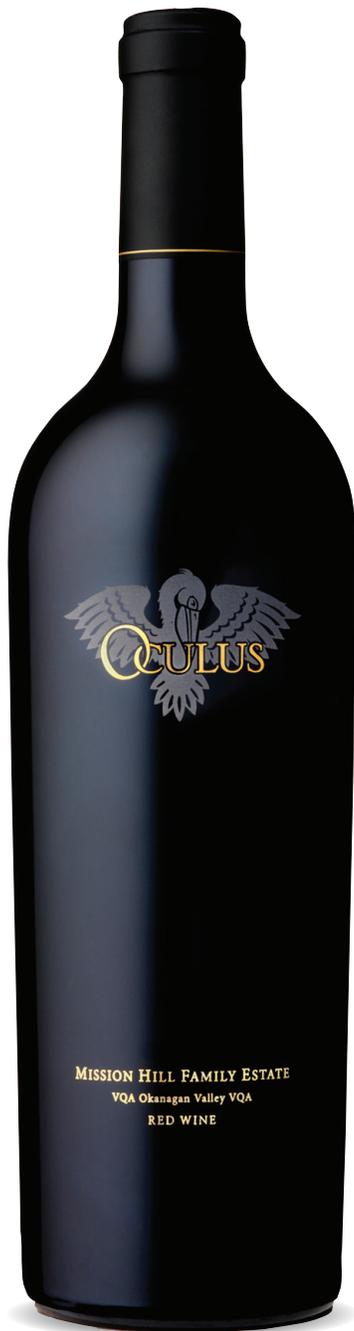


# OCULUS

*The Legacy Collection represents Proprietor Anthony von Mandl's vision to showcase the Okanagan Valley's diverse microclimates. Each wine is the pinnacle expression of more than three decades of viticulture, sustainable farming, and winemaking experience in our estate vineyards.*



An OCULUS was first used by the Romans in buildings like the Pantheon - a window in a dome or wall to the outside. At Mission Hill, our oculus provides the only natural light into our underground barrel cellar, blasted out of volcanic rock that is otherwise hidden from the world. Our complex Oculus Bordeaux-style wine is the result of meticulous selection in the vineyard estate with grapes that have been specifically nurtured for this rare wine. Hand-sorted grapes are gravity-filled into specially constructed French oak fermenters before gently laying the wine to rest in individual barrels. Rich and powerful, this wine was sourced from designated Oculus blocks in our Osoyoos (100%) vineyard estates from low-yielding vines. Aged 14 months in small French oak barrels followed by an additional 15 months in bottle prior to release. 79 barrels produced.

## VINTAGE REPORT:

Vintage 2013 was a season of change – early to start, late to finish, and with exceptional flavour potential. A warmer than normal spring brought early budbreak followed by an extremely rainy June that slowed vine growth. Balance was restored with above average temperatures in July and August allowing grapes to mature along a normal ripening curve. The warmest vintage since 2003 cooled off just in time for harvest. In September, heavy rainfall caused significant delays in the grape harvest resulting in our longest picking season ever. Overall, fruit quality was superb for both red and white varieties and the wines are showing excellent balance and character.

## TASTING NOTES:

Firm and graceful, this polished red delivers a core of black currant, dark plum, and fig layered on top of black licorice and dusty earth details, all lending to the flavour's tension and traction. Despite the wine's dense, dark, and brooding personality, it is graceful and elegant with restrained oak influence and seamless integration of all elements.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Merlot 51%, Cabernet Sauvignon 23%, Cabernet Franc 22%, Petit Verdot 4%  
Alcohol: 14.5% | Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l  
Hand harvested from Osoyoos (100%) vineyards in October 2013  
Fermentation & extended maceration in small French Oak Fermenters  
Aged in French oak barrels for 14 months | 79 barrels produced  
Bottled on August 27, 2015

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