



The Judge

Vintage: 2013

Price 750ml: \$45.00 (BC)

Price 1.5 L: \$125, in a wooden box (BC)

Availability 750ml: Winery, Bench Club, and select fine dining establishments in B.C.

Availability 1.5 L: Winery only

CSPC 750ml: 133124 1.5 L 65714

UPC 750ml: 626990112235 1.5 L 626990132967

Harvest Report: With warmer-than-average spring temperatures, 2013 on the Golden Mile Bench saw an early bud break. These above-average temperatures continued throughout the summer; however, temperatures returned to normal in the Fall, allowing for full maturation in the Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon varietals that make up our premium Bordeaux blend.

Winemaking: Led by winemaker Rob Summers, the cellar team continues to achieve greatness with this iconic B.C. red, now in its seventh vintage. Each of the three varietals — Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon — were macerated and fermented separately in Italian Ganimede fermenters. Malolactic fermentation finished in the tanks before each varietal was oak-aged separately. After 14 months, the best lots were chosen, blended, and returned to oak for an additional 12 months, allowing the components to marry for a full-bodied, harmonious blend.

Tasting Notes: Toasty aromas of cherries, plum, bacon, sage and vanilla will embrace your senses. This whelming nose leads to a palate of dark fruit, cherry, fig, blackberry, and creamy vanilla with a full, rich, long and heady finish. Although tasting robust and very well now, this exceptional wine will age gracefully for 5-15 years. Pair this exquisite wine with a leg of lamb stuffed with a fist full of figs, thyme, rosemary and even a little blue cheese if you like.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: Late October 2013

Production: limited release

Bottling Date: March 2016

Ageability: up to 8 years

Blend: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon
and Cabernet Franc

Alc. 14.2%

RS g/L < 5.0

Oak: 75% French, 25% American

pH 3.85 TA g/L 6.3

Alc.: alcohol | RS: residual sugar | TA: total acidity

Hester Creek Estate Winery has its roots deep in B.C., with vines first planted in the alluvial soil of the Golden Mile Bench in 1968. Today, our estate vineyard produces wines that are a lively, intensely flavoured expression of this place we call home.

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