



# Reserve Cabernet Franc Block 3

Vintage: 2013

Price: \$28.95 (BC)

Tier: Block Series

Availability: Winery, Bench Club, Select Licencees

CSPC: 467332

UPC: 626037001157

**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 to be reached in the Block 3 Cabernet Franc, some of the oldest vines on our estate.

**Winemaking:** Fruit from Hester Creek's oldest Cabernet Franc vines was selected for this wine, and put through a 15-day maceration period. Malolactic fermentation finished in the tank before the wine was transferred to a combination of French and American oak for an average of 12 to 16 months. Final blends were unified and minimally filtered before bottling.

**Tasting Notes:** The nose opens with earthy notes of sage, thyme, and subtle minerality, leading into fresh raspberry and mild pepper all wrapped in creamy vanilla. The palate is full and rich, offering ripe raspberry and dark cherry with a layered, long finish. The weight and intensity of this wine allows for it to cellar well for several years. Enjoy this wine with duck, venison, or beef tenderloin, incorporating raspberries as an accompaniment in a sauce to pull flavours from the wine.

#### Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: Late October 2013	Ageability: 5-10 years
Bottling Date: July 2015	Aging: 12 to 16 months
Blend: Cabernet Franc	Alc. 13.8%
Oak: 25% American, 75% French	RS g/L < 5.0
Production: 1800 cases	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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