



# Reserve Merlot Block 2

---

Vintage: 2014

Price: \$28.95 (BC)

Tier: Block Series

Availability: Winery, Bench Club, VQA stores, private liquor stores, select restaurants

CSPC: 77347

UPC: 12860370012

---

**Harvest Report:** The persistent heat in the spring of 2014 meant yet another accelerated growing season. However, September's warm days and cool nights allowed for our mature Merlot vines to develop excellent flavours, complexity, and full tannins. Planted in Block 2, these vines were established in the early 1970s, making them some of the oldest in the Okanagan Valley.

---

**Winemaking:** The 2014 Reserve Block 2 Merlot was a joy to work with. Great lengths were taken to select our finest fruit and best lots. Complete with ripe tannins and rich flavors, this vintage has a lot of depth and concentration. Malolactic fermentation was completed in the cellar, followed by barrel aging in 75% French and 25% American oak. This wine is a true expression of the terroir from the Golden Mile Bench.

---

**Tasting Notes:** This rich and poised red wine unlocks a bouquet of dark cherry, fennel, winter spice, and sweet oak. The palate opens with a big fruit forward entry, accompanied by smoked meat, malt, sage & thyme. The long full finish reveals distinct cinnamon and clove. Pair our matured Merlot with rib eye or warm winter stew & dumplings. Enjoy it now, or cellar it for up to seven years.

---

## Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: late October 2014	Production: 550 cases
Bottling Date: May 2016	Ageability: 5-10 years
Blend: 100% Merlot	Alc. 14.2%
Oak: 75% French, 25% American	RS g/L < 5.0
Aging: 12 to 16 months	pH 3.8 TA g/L 6.1

---

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.

Learn more at [HesterCreek.com](http://HesterCreek.com).

TRUE WINE EXPERIENCE  
**HESTER CREEK**

