



# Character Red

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Vintage: 2015

Price: \$20.95 (BC)

Availability: Winery, online, Bench Club, VQA stores, Private Liquor Stores, Restaurants, BCLDB

CSPC: 158311

UPC: 626990112228

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**Harvest Report:** The 2015 growing season was one of the warmest on record, with harvest commencing approximately 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule. This fan favourite includes a 48-year-old planting of a Northern Italian clone of Merlot, as well as Syrah, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, all grown on our estate. The record-breaking high temperatures slowed down in the Fall, allowing the acidity and multitude of robust flavours to come to fruition.

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**Winemaking:** Ideal weather conditions that lasted into Fall resulted in balanced and integrated dark fruit flavours in the four red grape varieties used in this blend. Fermented separately to extract colour and ripe tannins, the lots underwent a 12-day maceration at 25-28° C, followed by full malolactic fermentation. After blending, the wine was aged for six to eight months in a combination of French and American oak

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**Tasting Notes:** The nose of this seductive blend suggests black cherry, mocha, pepper, cinnamon, earthy terroir, and violet. The palate has a full, round entry, delivering black pepper, dark fruit, mocha chocolate, a full tannic structure, and a long, lingering finish. Enjoy this intense blend with BBQ game meats, strong cheese, BBQ ribs, or spiced curried meats.

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## Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: Mid October 2015

Production: 4000 cases

Bottling Date: April 2016

Aging: 6 to 8 months

Blend: Syrah, Italian Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Malbec.

Ageability: 2 to 5 years.

Oak: 50% American, 50% French

Alc. 13.9% RS g/L < 5.0

pH 3.8 TA g/L 5.8

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

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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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