



Character White

Vintage: 2016

Price: \$17.95 (BC)

Availability: Winery, private liquor stores, restaurants, BCLDB, Bench Club

CSPC: 158147

UPC: 626990112211

Harvest Report: The 2015/16 winter was relatively mild with no extended periods of major freezing, resulting in uniform bud break. Spring was one of the driest on record; in fact, Growing Degree Days (GDDs) were the highest ever recorded in May. These warm, dry conditions resulted in bud break being two weeks earlier than anticipated. The warm temperatures continued through June, suggesting that harvest could commence as much as a month earlier than normal. However, temperatures changed in July; it was, in fact, the fourth coldest July on record. This cooling July trend, combined with some unseasonal rain, slowed down the ripening process resulting in beautifully complex flavours. Cool fall nights ensured great acid structure, making the 2016 vintage outstanding for both whites and reds. Harvest commenced in early September, much earlier than normal.

Winemaking: The six varieties of the Character White were fermented separately, but with the same process: gentle pneumatic pressing and controlled temperature fermentation in stainless steel and no oak contact. Purity of fruit is the goal with our Character White.

Tasting Notes: Aromas of crisp apple, juicy peach and light herbaceous mint lead into a clean crisp, slightly off dry palate of orchard fruit and minerality. This wine is wonderful to enjoy on its own or paired with light seafood dishes with a salty component. Fresh oysters, scallops or ceviche work very well.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: Mid-September 2016	Production: 3000 cases
Bottling Date: February 2017	Ageability: enjoy now
Blend: Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer,	Alc. 13.2%
Trebbiano, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay and	RS g/L < 10
Semillon.	pH 3.39 TA g/L 6.0

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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