



Late Harvest Pinot Blanc

Vintage: 2016

Price: \$18.95 (BC)

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

CSPC: 438622

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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: This exceptional late harvest wine is grown entirely on the Golden Mile Bench. The late harvested Pinot Blanc gets special treatment in the winery: grapes are full-berry and whole-cluster pressed, producing a rich juice, or nectar. A long, slow fermentation with carefully chosen yeasts promotes the retention of fruit characteristics and cultivates complexity.

Tasting Notes: Indulge in juicy peach and apricot tones of this luscious after-dinner sipper. Balanced by fresh lemon zest and lively acidity this wine makes a perfect pairing for stone-fruit desserts like baked pears with a caramel sauce, or a fresh peach pie. It's also a delicious match for medium to full-bodied cheeses.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: December 22 2016

Bottling Date: May 2017

Brix at harvest: 28.5

Blend: Pinot Blanc

Production: 450 cases

Ageability: 1 to 3 years

Alc. 11.4%

RS g/L 67.3

pH 3.57 TA g/L 7.15

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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