



Pinot Gris

Vintage: 2016

Price: \$18.95 (BC)

Availability: Winery, online, Bench Club, VQA stores, private liquor stores, restaurants, BCLDB, select private liquor stores in Alberta

CSPC: 5600376

UPC: 626037002017

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: Favorable growing conditions led to an early September harvest for Pinot Gris. Fermented at cooler temperatures, this wine displays lots of upfront fruit and ample acidity. 100% stainless steel fermentation and aging showcases the South Okanagan soils in which it is grown.

Tasting Notes: Lifted notes of fresh apple, pear and honeydew melon await your senses on our 2016 Pinot Gris. Enjoy a palate of apricot and honey encased in crisp acidity and gentle minerality. This popular wine pairs extremely well with the delectable coastal fare of British Columbia; try pan seared scallops or fresh black cod on an apricot or pear compote.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: September 2016

Ageability: enjoy now

Bottling Date: December 2016

Alc. 13.2%

Blend: Pinot Gris

RS g/L <5.0

Production: 7000 cases

pH 3.36 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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