



Pinot Gris-Viognier

Vintage: 2016

Price: \$18.95 (BC)

Availability: Select Save-On-Foods

CSPC: 17365

UPC: 626990222101

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: Grapes for our 2016 Pinot Gris/Viognier were sourced from our estate on the Golden Mile Bench and from vineyards in the Osoyoos area. This wine was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel, and blended to find the perfect balance of fresh fruit flavors.

Tasting Notes: Initial floral notes lead to fresh pear, honey and slight lemon. The palate is crisp with lovely minerality, bursting with fruit and a mouth-filling texture. Pair this lively white with lighter coastal seafood dishes and fresh summer salads with seafood linguini, or fall squash soups; an absolutely decadent pairing with fresh crab or lobster.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: October 2016

Bottling Date: January 2017

Blend: Pinot Gris, Viognier

Production: 1100 cases

Ageability: enjoy it now

Alc. 13.29%

RS g/L 7.7

pH 3.5 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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