



Rosé Cabernet Franc

Vintage: 2016

Price: \$19.95 (BC)

Availability: Winery, online, Bench Club

CSPC: 776500

UPC: 626990160793

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: Our 2016 Cabernet Franc Rosé received a two day cold soak followed by a gentle pressing to extract its vibrant strawberry color. This wine was fermented slowly at cool temperatures, and the process was halted slightly early to deliver a refreshing balance of acidity and sweetness.

Tasting Notes: : Our gorgeous Cabernet Franc Rosé offers up beautiful aromas of strawberry, rhubarb and cranberry, while delivering a full palate of strawberry, black cherry, and vanilla bean. Pair this stunning wine with a charcuterie plate, fresh Okanagan cheeses, or BC Salmon.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: October 2016

Bottling Date: February 2017

Blend: Cabernet Franc

Production: 2200 cases

Aging: enjoy it now

Alc. 13.7%

RS g/L <7.5

pH 3.43 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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