



Terra Unica Old Vines Merlot

Vintage: 2015

Price: \$32.95 (BC)

Availability: Bench Club Subscription

CSPC: 626990222071

UPC: 388439

Harvest Report: The 2015 growing season was one of the warmest on record, with harvest commencing approximately 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule. Precision viticulture with careful canopy management, targeted leaf removal, shoot positioning, and controlled drip irrigation, helped supplement the development of the vines. Cooler evenings in the autumn resulted in ideal ripeness and acid balance in this “Italian Merlot”, which made it the perfect choice for our Terra Unica red wine.

Winemaking: Amongst the oldest vines in the Okanagan Valley that were first planted in 1968, this Merlot from Italian descent, was sourced from Block 13 in the middle of our estate. Planted in well draining, alluvial fan soil on a unique west to east sloping bench that also breaks north to south enables the grapes to benefit from an extended frost free season in both the spring and fall. The wine was gently destemmed and crushed into small lots. Crafted entirely from “free run” or “vin de goutte” juice, with grapes never pressed, lends a pure, fresh clarity of flavour to this rare wine. To achieve maximum yet gentle extraction, punch downs were done by hand. It was then aged in three 225 litre French and American Barriques of medium toast that were 1 to 2 years old, with the malolactic fermentation also completed in oak.

Tasting Notes: Produced from old Merlot vines which have an intensity and certain elegance about them, that cannot be reproduced and bring a sense of old world Italy to our vineyard. This vintage has enticing aromas of dark cherry, pepper, root vegetables and black olive. These lead to a bright entry of juicy cherry and an earthy mid palate with a lingering, sophisticated finish. Pair with Braised Lamb Shank, Osso Buco style and a warm winter fire.

Winemaker Specs:

Harvest Date: October 7, 2015

Ageability: enjoy now or

Bottling Date: September 2017

cellar for 5 to 7 years

Blend: 100% old vines Merlot

Alc. 14.1% RS g/L <5

Production: 76 cases

pH 3.87 TA g/L 6.15

Oak Ageing: 70% French, 30% American

Alc.: alcohol | RS: residual sugar | TA: total acidity

Hester Creek Estate Winery has its roots deep in this province, with vines first planted in the alluvial soil of the Golden Mile Bench in 1968. Today, this estate vineyard produces wines that are a lively, intensely flavoured expression of this place we call home.

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