

2021

HESTER CREEK



GARLAND



ORIGIN WINES

Wines of phenomenal origin and destiny, the Judge and Garland are crafted from the best barrels in our cellar, and are an authentic expression of our South Okanagan terroir.

HARVEST & VITICULTURE REPORT

The 2021 growing season in the South Okanagan was one for the history books as the driest on record, due in large part to the “Heat Dome” and its record-breaking high temperatures. It was also one of the warmest years, seeing the most growing degree days GDD (1758) since 2015. Following flowering, we experienced an extremely dry and hot June during fruit set. The heat led to a lighter fruit set and smaller berry size than usual. While there was less fruit per vine and the yield was light in volume, on the upside the smaller berries in the clusters resulted in more concentrated flavours and colours on the red varieties. Similarly, for the white varieties there are intense flavours and vibrant aromatics. With the warm dry season, the grapes reached phenolic ripeness earlier than usual with harvest commencing and finishing early. We began picking the whites on August 27th for our Ti Amo (Prosecco-style sparkling wine). We started picking our first reds in mid-September with our Block 10 Merlot on September 14th at our historic Golden Mile Bench estate vineyard. We finished our last estate reds pick with Cabernet Sauvignon from Block 8 of our Golden Mile Bench vineyard on October 28, 2021. Overall, the 2021 harvest produced wines of outstanding quality and varietal character. We expect to see some intense, fruit driven wines, with excellent depth of flavour.

WINEMAKING

As a premium red wine, the Garland was crafted using the finest red grapes from our Golden Mile Bench estate property. Each varietal was hand harvested late in the season to allow the grapes to achieve an optimal fusion of ripeness and intensity. The bunches were then hand sorted and destemmed with the whole berries going into our Italian Ganimede fermenters to be cold soaked for two days prior to inoculation. The Cabernet Sauvignon was fermented separately with the Petit Verdot and Malbec going through a co-fermentation. The lots were then cross blended and barrelled down into exclusively French oak barrels where they aged for 24 months before being bottled in May of 2024.

TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas of cocoa, raspberry, blackberry and clove lead into a palate of dark chocolate with plum, vanilla bean, fresh thyme and a hint of cinnamon. The 2021 Garland has a lengthy, full-bodied finish, making it the ideal wine to pair with slow braised meats such as short ribs or osso buco.

Harvest Date	October 13-22, 2021	Winery Price	\$64.99 (BC+tax)
Bottling Date	May 23, 2023	CSPC	145362
Grape Variety	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec	UPC	626990222118
Vegan	Yes		
Aging	24 months		
Oak	100% French		
Ageability	Enjoy now or cellar up to 15 years		
Alcohol	13.7%		
Residual Sugar	0.3 g/L		
pH	3.7		
Total Acidity	6.3 g/L		
Brix at Harvest	24.0 average		
Availability	Wine Shop, Bench Club, online, wherever fine wines are sold in BC		