

ACCOLADES

Winery of the Year  
Canadian Wine Awards  
11/2001

\*Gold Medal\*  
All Canadian Wine  
Championships  
05/2001

"Perhaps the best red yet to  
come out of British Columbia"  
- Northwest Palate, 10-11/2000

"89 Points"  
- Winetidings  
10/2000

"90 Points"  
- Wine Access  
10/2000

"British Columbia's most  
progressive producer."  
- Oz Clarke  
Pocket Wine Guide 2000

"This year promises to be a  
watershed for Mission Hill...  
one that will make a few other  
Okanagan players, large and  
small, sit up and take note... It  
seems that Mission Hill's  
impact on the Okanagan and  
the Canadian wine industry  
might be similar to that of  
Mondavi on Napa."  
- Tim Pawsey,  
The Vancouver Courier,  
03/2000

"Best British Columbia Winery"  
Reader's Choice  
Best of the Northwest  
04/2001



*One of the things that I enjoy most  
is walking through our vineyards,  
inspecting the fruit and knowing the  
quality of wine that will result from it. At  
Mission Hill Family Estate, we have taken  
great care in selecting what we believe are the  
best grape growing soils and microclimates in  
the Valley. This wine has been handcrafted with  
the same care and commitment that has been the  
hallmark of my family's heritage.*

  
Anthony von Mandl,  
Proprietor

**OCULUS** ~ Symbolizing Anthony von Mandl's  
vision for the Okanagan and for Mission Hill,  
the term Oculus also has an architectural  
meaning that applies to our winery. Oculus is the  
opening that looks in to our barrel aging cellars  
from above, providing a unique ray of light to an  
otherwise dark environment.

VINTAGE REPORT

1998 was a great year for  
Mission Hill when excellent  
vineyard weather and new  
state-of-the-art equipment  
arrived together. A good,  
warm, settled spring resulted  
in a large fruit set and big crop.  
Hot weather through the  
summer ensured full ripening  
of the grapes. The large crop  
pushed harvest back to  
October.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Harvested on September 30,  
1998, the 1998 Oculus had  
extended maceration and was  
barrel aged 12 months in  
French and American oak.

TASTING NOTES

This is a full-bodied wine,  
with rich cherry, cedar and  
raspberry flavours, velvety  
tannins and a long finish.

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TECHNICAL NOTES:

Grapes: 36% Merlot,  
32% Cab Sauv, 32% Cab Franc  
Vineyards: Oliver, Osoyoos  
Case Production: 660 cases  
Alcohol: 13% alc.vol.  
Oak: 12 mo. French & Am. Oak