

ACCOLADES

Winery of the Year
Canadian Wine Awards
11/2001

Gold Medal
All-Canadian
Wine Championship
05/2002

"89 Points"
Wine Tidings Magazine
04/2002

Highly Recommended
North West Palate
02/2002

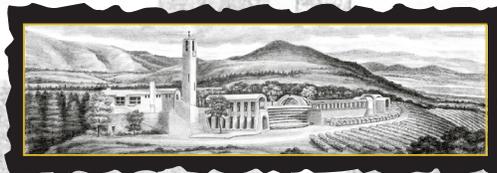
Best BC Winery
North West Palate
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"THE Canadian showpiece
winery... some very impressive
vineyards and perhaps the
best overall winemaker in the
country"
- Anthony Gismondi,
Wine Access, 10/2000

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



*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. 100% estate grown, this wine has been
handcrafted with the same care and commitment
that has been the hallmark of my family's heritage.
Rare and memorable, the Mission Hill Estate Series
represents our finest efforts. Crafted in small lots
with 100% Estate grown grapes in vintages of
exceptional quality only.*


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

The 1999 season began with cooler temperatures throughout the spring and summer resulting in a later than average harvest. September, however, brought extremely warm and sunny conditions generating good sugar levels while still maintaining a vibrant acidity. Patience and location played key roles in crafting the 1999 vintage. Our ability to hand select from multiple vineyard sources, combined with our philosophy of thinning crops where necessary gave our winemaker and his team more options for stylistic variations as well as the luxury of choosing only those grapes that were fully matured and ripened.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aged in French & American oak for twelve months.

TASTING NOTES

This wine excites the senses. Rich burgundy in colour, the 99 Estate Oculus delivers distinct earthy overtones, accompanied by sweet bell peppers and toasty oak. This medium to strong bodied red has firm tannins, allowing fantastic cellaring potential.

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TECHNICAL NOTES:

Grapes: 58% Cab Sauv,
22% Merlot, 20% Cab Franc
Vineyards: Oliver, Osoyoos
Case Production: 1,000 cases
Alcohol: 13.2% alc.vol.
Oak: 12 mo. French & Am. Oak