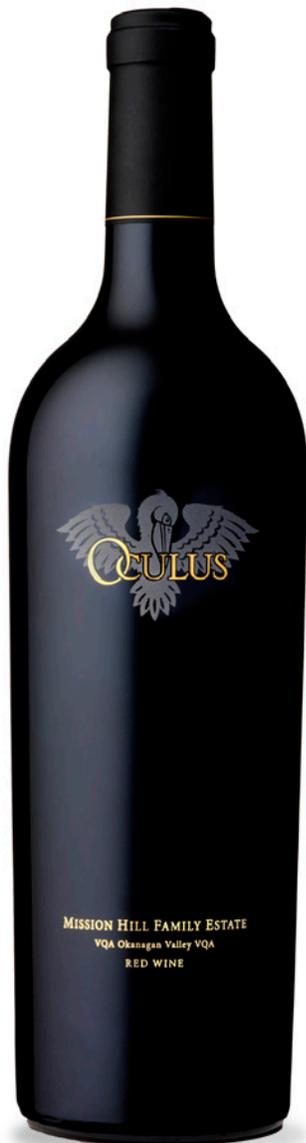


# OCULUS

*Oculus is Mission Hill Family Estate's signature Bordeaux-styled wine. This elegant and complex wine represents the pinnacle of everything we do from viticulture to winemaking. Selected clusters from designated blocks within our estates in Osoyoos and Oliver are set aside for this wine. The grapes are hand harvested, hand sorted and destemmed; they are then gravity filled to small French oak fermenters. After 3 weeks extended maceration the free run wine and a small portion of lightly basket pressed wine is aged separately in 100% French oak barrels for 14 months.*



## VINTAGE REPORT:

*While the 2010 growing season presented some significant challenges, the estate vineyards on the east-side of Osoyoos Lake and Black Sage Bench overcame the late bud break, cool conditions during flowering, and an unusually cool summer, eventually yielding some exceptional fruit, albeit at moderately reduced yields. Tight pruning regimes and careful vine and irrigation management all came to the fore in allowing the relatively low-yielding "Oculus blocks" to reach desired maturation levels with optimal phenolic ripeness.*

## TASTING NOTES:

*Spicy oak aromas greet the nose, while concentrated flavours of black currant, plum and graphite are buried underneath. The subtle use of French oak lends the wine a smooth, textured character that allows the fruit to shine. Very vibrant, with refined tannins and a lingering finish of fruit, spice and mineral, the 2010 Oculus is a compelling combination of power and finesse.*

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

*2010 Oculus*

*51% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc*

*Alcohol 14.0% | Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l | pH: 3.59*

*Hand harvested from Osoyoos & Oliver vineyards in October 2010*

*Fermentation & extended maceration in small French Oak Fermenters*

*Aged in French oak barrels for 14 months*

*Bottled on: September 18, 2012*

*Proprietor*

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