

ACCOLADES

Winery of the Year  
Canadian Wine Awards  
11/2001

Silver Medal  
Canadian Wine Awards  
11/2002

Highly Recommended  
North West Palate  
02/2002

Best BC Winery  
North West Palate  
02/2002

Best BC Winery  
Wine Press North West  
02/2002

"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

In order to cultivate the highest quality crop, shoot and cluster thinning was carried out after flowering to ensure moderate potential crop levels. This combined with the settled and generally warm weather that occurred from early October on, allowed a long hang time in many vineyards and resulted in some very high brix levels, particularly with the red grapes. Sugar levels of over 24 brix, and deep full-coloured skins have resulted in some big and exciting reds. With the white grapes, the lack of any period of real intense heat has given the wines a delicacy and freshness.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Aged in French & American oak for fourteen months.

TASTING NOTES

A very deep, dark wine with firm layers of earthy blackberry, cedar and chocolate flavours framed by well-structured tannins and spicy, cedary oak notes. The juicy core of dark fruit echoes on the finish and promises excellent cellaring potential.

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TECHNICAL NOTES:

Grapes: 55% Cab Sauv,  
30% Merlot, 15% Cab Franc  
Vineyards: Oliver, Osoyoos  
Case Production: 1,330 cases  
Alcohol: 13.6% alc.vol.  
Oak: 14 mo. French & Am. Oak