

OCULUS

Oculus is Mission Hill Family Estate's signature Bordeaux inspired wine. This elegant and complex wine represents the pinnacle of everything we do from viticulture to winemaking. Only selected clusters from designated blocks within our estates in Oliver and Osoyoos are chosen for this special wine. The grapes are hand harvested and hand sorted; they are then gravity fed to small French oak fermenters. After extended maceration the free run wine and a small portion of lightly basket pressed wine is aged in 100% French oak barrels for 13 months.



The 2005 vintage of Oculus is Mission Hill Family Estate's premier wine release to date. This wine reflects long term viticultural and winemaking improvements that Chief Winemaker John Simes has carefully implemented.

Tasting Notes:

The 2005 vintage was low-yielding, producing fruit with exceptional concentration. This has enabled us to craft a truly classic wine with layers of opulent fruit, velvety mouthfeel, silky tannins, and impressive length. The wine begins with gorgeous aromas of blackberry, cherry and mineral. These notes build on the palate with toasty spice and a dusting of chocolate and earthiness, adding textural depth and complexity. The wine is full-bodied, with ultra-fine tannins and a long, seamless finish.

Winemaker's Notes:

2005 Oculus

42% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Petit Verdot. Hand harvested from Osoyoos & Oliver Vineyards in October 2005.

Fermentation & extended maceration in small French Oak Fermenters.

Aged in French Oak Barrels for 13 months.

Alcohol: 13.5% | Total Acidity: 5.4

Bottled on: June 5th, 2007

Proprietor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony von Mandl".

Anthony von Mandl

Winemaker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Simes".

John Simes

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