

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. 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 4 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 16.5 months.



VINTAGE REPORT:

Our southern vineyards in Oliver and Osoyoos enjoyed benevolent spring weather conditions resulting in timely bloom and excellent fruit set. The sandy, free-draining and low-vigour soils combined with precision viticulture to optimize growing conditions and, ultimately, wine quality. Despite the onset of the cooling La Nina influence in autumn, our vineyard teams successfully extended ripening and flavour development into an early November harvest. This provided for exceptional berry growth and ripeness and resulted in excellent tannins and colour.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2007 Oculus is a triumph of power and purity, with deep, haunting aromas of both red and dark fruits, fresh tobacco leaf, leather, maple and hints of nutmeg. The immense palate shows black raspberry, milk chocolate, cassis and allspice, all framed by ultra fine tannins and balancing acidity. The finish is endless, hinting that this wine will continue to improve over the next five years and last well beyond a decade.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

2007 Vintage

50% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

Hand harvested from Osoyoos & Oliver Vineyards into early November 2007

Fermentation & extended maceration in small French Oak Fermenters

Aged in French Oak Barrels for 16.5 months

Alcohol 14.5% | Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l | 750 ml

Bottled on October 16, 2009

Proprietor

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