

MISSION HILL FAMILY ESTATE

QUATRRAIN

Okanagan Valley BC VQA

*The Legacy Series wines are the culmination of 30 years crafting fine wine.
Rare and limited, they showcase the finest of everything at Mission Hill Family Estate.*



A QUATRRAIN is a poem or stanza that is always composed of four lines.

This 2010 hallmark wine is similarly composed of four grape varieties: Merlot 40%, Syrah 20%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20%, Cabernet Franc 20%

John Simes, Mission Hill Family Estate's chief winemaker, has carefully crafted the 2010 vintage of this exquisite wine. The grapes were selected from the best blocks within our estates in Osoyoos and Oliver. They were hand harvested, hand sorted, and gravity filled in small lots to French oak fermenters. After extended maceration, the free run wine and a portion of lightly basket pressed wine was aged separately in a selection of 100% French oak barrels for 12 months.

VINTAGE REPORT:

While the 2010 growing season posed 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 "Quatrain blocks" to reach desired maturation levels with optimal phenolic ripeness.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2010 Quatrain is an elegant wine, boasting red berry, black cherry, eucalyptus and cedary spice aromas and flavours. Syrah adds a juicy-fleshy texture to this uncommon blend, lending a seamless profile of ripe fruit, dark chocolate and spice to the gutsy structure of the three dominating Bordeaux varietals.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

40% Merlot, 20% Syrah, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc
Hand harvested from Osoyoos & Oliver vineyards in October 2010
Fermentation & extended maceration in small French Oak Fermenters
Aged in French oak barrels for 12 months
Alcohol: 14% | Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l
Bottled on September 24, 2012

2010 QUATRRAIN