



# MISSION HILL

FAMILY ESTATE

## LEGACY COLLECTION 2017 OCULUS

*The Ultimate Expression of the Okanagan Valley.*

An OCULUS was first used by the Romans in buildings like the Pantheon - a window in a dome or wall to the outside. At Mission Hill, our oculus provides the only natural light into our underground barrel cellar, blasted out of volcanic rock that is otherwise hidden from the world. Our complex Oculus Bordeaux-style wine is the result of meticulous selection in the vineyard estate with grapes that have been specifically nurtured for this rare wine.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2017 harvest, lasting 66 days, was one of extremes. The harvest started later than anticipated, with a cool, wet spring. However, a record-breaking dry spell followed in July and August, with temperatures well above seasonal norms. This warm, dry summer resulted in a crop of small, concentrated berries that should produce wines of exceptional depth and intensity. The harvest concluded on October 30, yielding a crop reminiscent of the incredible 2009 vintage.

### FLAVOUR PROFILE

Vivid and fragrant, the nose is generous with a bouquet of intense black fruits, from currants to ripe blackberries, with a herbaceous nuance. Layers of earthy character follows, with a cigar box and liquorice complexity. The firm tannin structure lends itself to a long, rich and savoury finish.

**VARIETALS** | Merlot (49%), Cabernet Sauvignon (26%),  
Cabernet Franc (25%),

**ESTATE** | Osoyoos (99%), Oliver (1%)

**FERMENTATION** | Fermentation and extended maturation in  
small French oak fermenters – a small portion  
fermented in a concrete fermenter

**MATURATION** | 18 months in French oak Barriques (25% new)

**CELLARING** | Optimal until 2032

**ABV** | 14.5%    **TA** | 5.9 g/L    **PH** | 3.62

