



MISSION HILL

FAMILY ESTATE

2018 RESERVE SHIRAZ

An Uncompromising Expression of the Okanagan Valley.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2018 harvest began earlier than anticipated due to above average growing degree days in the spring. Summer arrived with cooler temperatures, encouraging the fruit to develop beautiful acidity and allowing more time for full flavour retention. One of the coolest Septembers on record followed, slowing down the sugar accumulation and allowing the fruit to fully develop phenologically. Harvest concluded on November 8, with the extended season yielding a crop of uniformly ripened fruit with mouthwatering freshness and acidity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2018 Reserve Shiraz was grown on our estate vineyard along the Black Sage Bench. A diverse vineyard, with more than 60 different individual blocks affording us an amazing array of premium quality fruit. It's arid benchlands and warm climate allow the grapes to completely ripen for a full, complex flavour.

TASTING NOTES

Dense and rich on the nose with blackberry, ripe plum and nuances of white pepper. Elegantly structured on the palate with tremendous length and intensity through the finish.

VARIETAL | 100% Shiraz

APPELLATION | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

ESTATE | Black Sage (92%), Osoyoos (8%)

HARVESTED | October 2018

MATURATION | 16 months in French Oak

ABV | 14.0% **TA** | 6.1 g/L **PH** | 3.77

