



# MISSION HILL

FAMILY ESTATE

## 2019 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

*An Uncompromising Expression of the Okanagan Valley.*

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 growing season began with near perfect seasonal conditions followed by a fall and winter of cold extremes. The spring conditions carried through to the summer, with the consistently warm weather encouraging healthy vine growth, even flowering and an even fruit set. The ripening (veraison) period and harvest was not without challenge with unseasonal rainfall throughout the month of September and then a very cool to cold October. These challenges were navigated expertly by our viticultural and winemaking teams and, as a result, we were able to see fruit reach ideal ripeness. Crops were lower than average, allowing for flavor development and natural acid retention with balanced sugar accumulation in the berries. Our 2019 harvest concluded on October 29, marking a short, but beautiful vintage in the Okanagan, producing wines expressive of the region and the season.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir was farmed from our estate vineyards in Kelowna, West Kelowna, Naramata, and Oliver. The Lakeshore Vineyard in East Kelowna, first planted in 1994, is on a steep hillside that enjoys the lake's moderating influence and is ideally suited for this varietal. Naramata Ranch is a winemaker's dream with undulating elevations, multiple soil types and clones to select from, individualized blocks, and spectacular views.

### TASTING NOTES

A charming classic, our Reserve Pinot Noir delights with layers of ruby red fruit and bramble. Delicate tannins, savoury notes and a subtle hint of herbal spices deliver a complex wine.

**VARIETAL** | 100% Pinot Noir

**APPELLATION** | Okanagan Valley BC VQA

**ESTATE** | Naramata (38%), East Kelowna (34%),  
Lake Shore (28%)

**MATURATION** | Aged in French oak for 11 months (20% new)

**ABV** | 13.5%   **TA** | 5.9 g/L   **PH** | 3.49



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