

# 2022

HESTER CREEK



## CHARACTER WHITE



### FOUNDATION WINES

Our Roots Run Deep, with wines founded in great quality and value, born of this unique place in the Okanagan Valley.

### HARVEST & VITICULTURE REPORT

The 2022 season at Hester Creek will be remembered as one of the most challenging, yet productive years on record. With the addition of new vineyards, the 2022 harvest yielded a larger crop than average. Due to cooler-than-expected spring temperatures and more rain than is typical of the South Okanagan, the season was off to a late start. By summer, temperatures rose and lasted into the autumn, extending the season with the warmest September and October on record. Growing degree days reached 1676 on average. This longer growing season led to longer hang times for the fruit as they developed phenolic ripeness. Harvest began on September 9th with our Ti Amo and finished on December 1st with our Old Vine Cabernet Franc. For the white varietals, longer hang times resulted in delicate aromatics. The red varietals hung on the vine throughout November allowing the grapes to concentrate their colours and flavours. The 2022 vintage will be remembered as a milestone year for producing exceptional, fruit-forward and age-worthy wines.

### WINEMAKING

Uplifted and fresh, our 2022 Character White was crafted from approximately two thirds Pinot Gris and one third Gewürztraminer. The grapes were hand picked from three vineyards: the Pinot Gris component came from our Road 7 Vineyard and Vineyard Manager, Iqbal Gill's, Road 8 property, and the Gewürztraminer came from our historic Golden Mile Bench Estate as well as the Gill Vineyard on Road 8. The grapes were sorted, destemmed and whole berry pressed prior to going through a cold settle and cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Following fermentation, the lots were blended to create an elegantly balanced white wine. After blending, the Character White is further aged in stainless for four months prior to bottling in early 2023. This wine represents the characteristics of the South Okanagan terroir, where the floral and aromatic Gewürztraminer compliments the structure that the Pinot Gris provides.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2022 Foundation Series Character White is exceptional in its refined complexity. Floral aromas mingling with grapefruit, citrus and fennel lead to an elegant palate with opulent notes of peach, pear, melon and fresh-cut herbs. A wine for sharing with friends, pair the Character White with a baked Brie, maple walnut appetizer.

Harvest Date	September 13-October 4, 2022	Winery Price	\$19.99 (BC+tax)
Bottling Date	January 19, 2023	CSPC	158147
Grape Variety	Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer	UPC	626990112211
Vegan	Yes		
Ageability	Enjoy now or cellar up to 2 years		
Alcohol	12.0%		
Residual Sugar	9.0 g/L		
pH	3.34		
Total Acidity	7.03 g/L		
Brix at Harvest	21.5 average		
Availability	Wine Shop, Bench Club, online, private liquor stores, BC liquor stores, restaurants		