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BEST OF BC

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The Best of BC 2009 Fall wine release is proudly presented by BC Liquor Stores in partnership with British Columbia's wineries.

Featuring our best local talent, the range and quality of BC wines continue to increase with every harvest. British Columbians can now experience a diversity of world-class varietals grown right here in our province including Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Malbec, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and more, not to mention a variety of premium, award-winning blends.

The Okanagan Valley, the heart of British Columbia wine country, has experienced an unprecedented run of excellent vintages in recent years, displaying exceptional ripeness, purity and character and resulting in many accolades from around the world. We invite you to join us and explore the coveted wines of the Best of BC.

Two preview consumer tastings will be held on Friday, October 23, at the 39th & Cambie Tasting Room and tickets may be purchased at the store. Guest winemakers Gordon Fitzpatrick of CedarCreek Winery and Chris Wyse of Burrowing Owl Winery will be on hand to lead you through some release favourites.

The Best of BC wines go on sale Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Signature and select BC Liquor Stores. Quantities are limited – shop early for the best selection.



CEDARCREEK
ESTATE WINERY

PLATINUM

Syrah
2007

BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY

750 ml 14.3% alc/vol



BURROWING OWL CHARDONNAY 2007

In 1993 Jim Wyse planted the vineyards that would become the Burrowing Owl estate winery. By the 1997 vintage, the emphasis was on premium wines, a milestone at the time for the BC wine industry. Capitalizing on their Black Sage Road location, the estate aims for riper fruit and high quality winemaking to produce stylish wines. Much coveted and hard to get, the 2007 Chardonnay displays vanilla and spices, along with apple, stone fruit and melon flavours. Rich and textural, this is another world class Chardonnay – to savour.

510933

\$25.00

Notes



BURROWING OWL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006

Harvest took place November 4, 2006, in 4 inches of snow – a reminder that northern regions are all about a shorter growing season and the perils involved as wineries seek complete ripeness. The result is a full coloured, aromatically powerful wine with ripe dark fruits, and a classic, powerful structure that fills the mouth. Beppi Crosariol (*Globe and Mail*) comments: "I just tasted the new Burrowing Owl Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 and had one of those I-can't-believe-it's-Canadian moments. If it was not the best Cab in the land produced in 2006, it's close. Certainly, it's better than some Napa Cabs costing twice as much."

508200

\$38.00

Notes



CEDARCREEK PLATINUM RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2007

Winemaker Tom Di Bello considers Chardonnay and oak as two peas in a pod and works the wine with the *barrique* to build greater flavours and complexity. Thus the Platinum Reserve Chardonnay starts with grapes from Greata Ranch (south of Peachland) and the Mauz vineyard in Osoyoos with fermentation and *sur lie* aging, for 11 months in French oak, before bottling. The result is one of BC's best Chardonnays with the essence of tree fruit notes, vanilla, hazelnut toastiness and a fabulous creamy texture and richness.

607218

\$29.90

Notes



**CEDARCREEK PLATINUM
RESERVE CABERNET
SAUVIGNON 2006**

The Platinum series refers to a long-past Okanagan Wine Festival award, where a CedarCreek wine was deemed better than Gold, and the judges awarded it Platinum. Now the top tier for CedarCreek, Platinum wines (Meritage, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon) are recognized as the pinnacle of their type, receiving the full CedarCreek treatment of intensive French oak barrel aging. Full and powerful, the intensity of fruit is matched to a structure that will improve with cellar time. Says Anthony Gismondi:

“91 points – This has about as elegant a styling as you will find in any Cabernet...you can lay this one away from 4 – 8 years and let it reach its maximum quality. New world Bordeaux.”

607234

\$39.90

Notes



CEDARCREEK PLATINUM RESERVE SYRAH 2007

Years ago Tom Di Bello worked with Syrah in Washington state, so he knew this grape could be mastered at CedarCreek. The 2005 Estate Syrah garnered a lot of international press but with a smile, Tom indicates the 2007 is much better. Sure enough, it has been upgraded to CedarCreek's Platinum tier for the first time. Four tons per acre from the Bartsch vineyard in Osoyoos and extended aging in French barrels comprise a serious wine that will reward the patient. It seems Syrah/Shiraz steals the show at tastings of top BC reds. Here's a new show stopper!

895458

\$39.90

Notes



**INNISKILLIN OKANAGAN
DISCOVERY SERIES
MALBEC 2007**

Sandor Mayor is both winemaker and viticulturalist at Inniskillin Okanagan winery. He is known as the shadow because, “he was just here...he must be out in the vineyard”, is a common Inniskillin refrain and reveals his penchant for time in the vineyard with his exotic varietals and trials for the small lot Discovery Series. Harvested from the White Tail vineyard, this limited production of 575 cases showcases an exuberant bouquet of fruit. Telltale Malbec flavours of blueberries, cherries and grape denote a wine that is soft in texture with freshness and medium tannins.

274167

\$24.99

Notes



**INNISKILLIN OKANAGAN
DISCOVERY SERIES
PINOTAGE 2007**

The Discovery Series features esoteric grape varietals unexplored in the Okanagan Valley, as advocated by winemaker Sandor Mayor. Also harvested from the White Tail vineyard in Oliver, only 250 cases were produced. Pinotage is native to South Africa but based on the impressive palate, this varietal appears to have found its second home in the Okanagan Valley. Channelling the fruit in a big way finds loads of cherry, small red/black berry flavours and a distinct texture perhaps unique to Pinotage. In the finish are some hints of kirsch.

274043

\$29.99

Notes



**INNISKILLIN OKANAGAN
DISCOVERY SERIES
ZINFANDEL 2007**

The Bear Cub Vineyard is self-named after the fruit's popularity with the local baby bears and home to the Discovery Series Zinfandel vines. Very fruit-forward, it is brawny and briary as a Zinfandel should be, with hints of charcoal and earth behind the sage and lavender nose. Ripe with dried fruit flavours and fresh cherry notes in the finish, it is true to the Zinfandel flavour profile, strong and agile, showing tannins in the back but with an approachable palate that will improve over the next few years.

584433

\$29.99

Notes



**JACKSON-TRIGGS
GRAND RESERVE
CABERNET-SHIRAZ 2007**

Perhaps the starting point for this blend is in Bordeaux from centuries past where it was a tradition to bolster the lighter Gironde wine with riper and darker Syrah from the Rhône. Today we know the incredible success this blend has achieved in Australia. Always one of the best, this Jackson-Triggs 2007 Cabernet Shiraz is a 51/49 blend that starts with very ripe fruit. Incredibly powerful on nose, the spicy, peppery aromas include cinnamon and clove. Very concentrated with ripe berry fruit and a powerful structure, the oak shows its influence with fruit/wood tannins on a very long finish. An exceptional value!

632950

\$27.00

Notes



JACKSON-TRIGGS GRAND RESERVE MERITAGE 2007

Jackson-Triggs' VQA red wines are crafted by young winemaker Brooke Blair. Her continental experience originates from Australia, includes Spain and more recently, the 2008 harvest in Chile. One of BC's strengths has been the Meritage or Bordeaux blend and this red of 50 percent Merlot, 40 percent Cabernet Franc and 10 percent Cabernet Sauvignon culminates into a long-distance runner that is both elegant and powerful. Hints of oak, spice and bouillon intertwine with ripe currant and black fruits that hit its stride, building a dynamic finish. Well done!

80564

\$26.01

Notes



JACKSON-TRIGGS SUNROCK VINEYARD SHIRAZ 2007

First planted in 1999, the objective of SunRock Vineyard was to showcase a distinct block within a larger vineyard planted to a number of varietal sub-blocks. Located next to the east-side rock faces, the retention of heat and subsequent radiation creates a unique micro-climate – just the place to grow Shiraz. The SunRock Shiraz has been awarded many accolades and the 2007 shows lots of oak, smoke and charcoal notes along with rich berry fruit and a bright sappy quality layered over an intense and powerful finish, with even more fruit, huckleberries, jam and spice. Only 500 cases produced.

365635

\$35.01

Notes



LAUGHING STOCK PORTFOLIO 2006

Behind Laughing Stock winery are Cynthia and David Enns, former financial industry heavyweights now running a small boutique winery on the Naramata Bench. Portfolio is their flagship red and a take on the perfectly balanced stock portfolio. Five Bordeaux varietals (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot) combine to transcend the individual elements into a serious world-class red. Reports Anthony Gismondi, "90 points – Winemaker David Enns has made big strides of late shaping the tannins and texture of his flagship red!"

836700

\$39.02

Notes



MISSION HILL COMPENDIUM 2006

The Mission Hill Legacy series consists of reds Compendium and Quatrain, a white, Perpetua, and its signature wine, Oculus. New to the Legacy family is Compendium, which refers to a "collection", of Bordeaux varietals (52 percent Merlot, 19 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 19 percent Cabernet Franc and 10 percent Petit Verdot. Sourced from vineyards in the Oliver and Osoyoos areas, the wine is a consummate effort, showing peppery BC notes like sage and spice, with a refined berry fruit palate and finish. Most impressive for this first vintage, the signs are positive for this new entrant from Mission Hill.

85266

\$40.00

Notes



MISSION HILL OCULUS 2006

Offered every fall, Oculus is the top-drawer Mission Hill wine. It combines the vineyard investment and vision of proprietor Anthony Von Mandl with winemaker John Sime's intuitive knowledge of the BC Okanagan "vinescape." Starting with one of BC's best grapes, 51 percent Merlot then 26 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 15 percent Cabernet Franc and 8 percent Petit Verdot, the blend sees 14.5 months in French oak barrels prior to bottling. Tightly woven and backward in style, there are notes of oak, game and ripe red and black fruits wrapped in a soft elegance that coats the palate. Exceptional length supersedes the underlying elements of its aging capability.

870998

\$70.00

Notes



MISSION HILL OCULUS 2005

A true classic, this full-bodied wine has layers of opulent fruit that is representative of the 2005 vintage. The wine begins with gorgeous aromas of blackberry, cherry and minerals. These notes build on the palate with toasty spice and a dusting of chocolate, earthiness and a seemingly endless finish. A cellar-worthy wine to be proud of, Oculus large format magnums are released one year after the 750 ml bottle. This will be the only opportunity to purchase the 2005 magnums.

111575

1.5 L

\$150.00

Notes



MISSION HILL QUATRRAIN 2006

Following a most impressive first vintage, the 2006 Quatrain hits the ground running. Quatrain refers to a verse or stanza composed of four lines, similarly Quatrain is composed of four varietals – 41 percent Syrah, 32 percent Merlot, 14 percent Cabernet Franc and 13 percent Cabernet Sauvignon. The inclusion of Syrah reflects a New World vision, a taut influence bolstered by lifted floral hints and a peppery gameyness with some signature BC sage, wool, licorice and black fruits. Very textured and plush on the palate, there is excellent balance showing dried fruit hints and a firm but refined structure.

350504

\$45.00

Notes



**NK'MIP Q^wAM Q^wMT
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006**

The NK'Mip winery and vineyard is the realization of a viticulture project started in 1968 by the Osoyoos Indian band. NK'Mip's Q^wam Q^wmt label refers to the Osoyoos Band's expression for "achieving excellence." Overseeing this excellence is winemaker Randy Picton, who has made a most impressive Q^wam Q^wmt Cabernet Sauvignon loaded with ripeness and fresh acidity. Varietal breed and sinewy structure keep this wine lingering in your mouth.

64725

\$30.03

Notes



**NK'MIP Q'AM Q'MT
PINOT NOIR 2007**

This is considered to be the finest Q'am Q'mt Pinot Noir yet. Sourced from two vineyard blocks on the Inkameep vineyard, production was limited to a scant 366 cases. Offering flavours of cherry and red berries and a tell-tale varietal sweetness with acidity, this wine reaches the Holy Grail aspect of this grape, namely, achieving the silky textural qualities so typical of the best Pinot Noir. Bravo!

324459

\$30.03

Notes



**NK'MIP Q'WAM Q'WMT
SYRAH 2006**

NK'Mip's southern Okanagan desert sand produces wines that exhibit cool-climate Syrah flavours and complexities along with warm-climate ripeness and generosity. Opening with hints of oak, a malty spice character leads into some youthful berry fruit and structure. A firm wine with solid tannins and framework, it has a long finish with trademark BC fresh acidity at the core. The Qwam Qwmt wines have been winning awards now for many years and are made for improving with cellar time. Enjoy between 2012 – 2015 for maximum appreciation.

561415

\$35.01

Notes



OSOYOOS LAROSE LE GRAND VIN 2006

The partnership of France's Groupe Taillan and the Okanagan's Vincor brings a distinct Bordeaux sensibility to the *terroir* of the Okanagan Valley. Uniquely, while most of the heavy-hitting red vineyards are on the east side of the valley, the Osoyoos Larose vineyards are on the west side. This sixth vintage of Le Grand Vin is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Winemaker Pascal Madevon and Bordeaux viticulturist Alain Sutre, stated: "The wine tastes of *terroir* and venison." Larger formats of Le Grand Vin are held back one year, so this is the first and only opportunity to buy magnum and double magnum formats.

402578
158451

1.5 L
3 L

\$85.00
\$190.00

Notes



QUAILS' GATE OLD VINE FOCH 2007

If there is a cult wine in British Columbia, Quails' Gate Old Vine Foch has got to be it. From vines planted 25 years ago in Osoyoos, it speaks to another era of BC wine before the success of vinifera black grapes, when hybrid varieties like Marechal Foch and others were the red wines of the day. Still going strong as a unique specialty at Quails' Gate, the winery applies a premium approach to this grape, targeting riper fruit, lower yields plus aging in American oak barrels for 18 months. Rich in colour and flavour, the dark fruits, leather hints, savoury notes and bright acidity combine with gentle tannins and full body weight. The winery recommends aging up to 5 years for further appreciation.

639625

\$24.99

Notes



**QUAILS' GATE
STEWART FAMILY RESERVE
PINOT NOIR 2007**

Quails' Gate has had Pinot Noir fever practically from the get-go. Winemaker Grant Stanley, with a New Zealand winemaking background helps the winery's quest to master all things Pinot Noir. The payoff is tangible with the 2007 Stewart Family Reserve. The average age of the vines is 24 years, 100 percent estate-grown from the foot of Boucherie Mountain, and four clones were utilized. Finally, 50 percent new and 50 percent old French oak barrels add structure and complexity to the fruit with aging potential of 5 – 8 years. The wine has beguiled reviewers; both John Schreiner and Anthony Gismondi rated this wine 91 points.

639658

\$45.00

Notes



ROAD 13 FIFTH ELEMENT RED 2006

Road 13 (formerly known as Golden Mile) has leapt to the forefront of go-to BC wineries. Well respected winemaker Michael Bartier has years of experience and applies a personal style that wins you over glass by glass. The Fifth Element refers to the synergy of a greater power that epitomizes the vineyard *terroir*. With the 2006 vintage, only 26 barrel lots were chosen to make the winery's flagship red. Awarded the 2009 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in British Columbia Wines.

45922

\$35.99

Notes



SANDHILL SMALL LOTS BARBERA 2006

Sandhill's Small Lots label showcases Howard Soon's top barrels and singular expressions of the vineyard. Only 432 cases of Small Lots Barbera were produced from the Sandhill estate vineyards on Black Sage Road, south of Oliver. Barbera requires a lot of heat so the planting is near the cliff at the southern tip of the vineyard. The addition of 10 percent Sangiovese plus 18 months in French oak add nobility and Italian flair. A wine of refinement and subtlety, it offers Old World character with aging potential.

533133

\$29.99

Notes



SANDHILL SMALL LOTS SANGIOVESE 2006

In past years, Sandhill's Sangiovese vines proved so popular with the local bear population that the grape shortage affected production. In 2006, 644 cases were produced from the Sandhill estate vineyard. A thin-skinned varietal, Sangiovese has to be managed in the vineyard to achieve colour and ripeness. Like the Barbera – of which this wine includes 12.5 percent – the grapes were harvested in early November 2006 in order to maximize ripeness and “hang-time” on the vine. Epicurean flavours, cherry and earth plus 22 months in French oak denote a wine that will benefit from 2 – 3 years of aging.

700641

\$29.99

Notes

**SANDHILL SMALL LOTS two 2006**

Veteran winemaker Howard Soon has decades of experience and is now head winemaker for BC's Andrew Peller Group as well as noted mentor, *raconteur*, spokesperson and wine educator. The wines nearest to Howard's heart are Sandhill Small Lots, his most personalized craft. The 2006 *two* is a Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with 5 percent Syrah. Power and regal fruit character are evident here, with notes of currant, raw Syrah flavours and a firm palate. With only 428 cases produced, the *two* is a collection-worthy cellar candidate.

620344

\$34.99

Notes



BURROWING OWL

estate winery

Chardonnay

2007

Estate Bottled

100 Mountain Valley Rd

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A selection of Best of BC Fall Release wines are available at the following BC Liquor Stores:

LOWER MAINLAND

39TH & CAMBIE

5555 Cambie St
Vancouver, BC V5Z 3A3
604 660 9463

ABBOTSFORD

40-32500 South Fraser Way
Abbotsford, BC V2T 4W1
604 870 5919

FLEETWOOD

8904-152nd St
Surrey, BC V3R 4E4
604 582 0008

HIGHGATE VILLAGE

235-7155 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5E 2V1
604 660 8731

LANGLEY

6435-201 St
Langley, BC V2Y 2X4
604 532 4911

MEADOWTOWN

Unit 810-19800 Lougheed Hwy
Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2W1
604 460 2601

NICOLA STATION

140-1097 Nicola Ave
Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 8B2
604 464 3576

NORDEL CROSSING

Unit 116-12080 Nordel Way
Surrey, BC V3W 1P6
604 596 2421

NORTHGATE

Unit 103-3433 North Road
Burnaby, BC V3J 0A9
604 664 0844

PARK ROYAL

570 Park Royal North
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A1
604 981 0011

RICHMOND IRONWOOD

3170-11666 Steveston Hwy
Richmond, BC V7A 5J3
604 664 0701

THURLOW & ALBERNI

1120 Alberni St
Vancouver, BC V6E 1A5
604 660 4572

WESTWOOD CENTRE

100-2748 Lougheed Hwy
Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 6P2
604 927 2681

CAULFEILD

195-5335 Headland Dr
West Vancouver, BC V7W 3C6
604 922 8201

DUNBAR

3453 Dunbar St
Vancouver, BC V6S 2C3
604 224 4412

PENINSULA VILLAGE

280-15355-24th Ave
Surrey, BC V4A 2H9
604 535 8259

RICHMOND BRIGHOUSE

100-8100 Ackroyd Rd
Richmond, BC V6X 3K2
604 278 2343

OUTSIDE LOWER MAINLAND

FORT STREET

1960 Foul Bay Rd
Victoria, BC V8R 5A7
250 952 4220

VICTORIA WESTSHORE

Unit 600-2945 Jacklin Rd
Langford, BC V9B 5E3
250 391 2811

KAMLOOPS COLUMBIA PLACE

600-1210 Summit Dr
Kamloops, BC V2C 6M1
250 828 4319

KELOWNA MISSION PARK

35-3155 Lakeshore Rd
Kelowna, BC V1W 3S9
250 861 7260

KELOWNA ORCHARD PARK

109-1835 Dilworth Dr
Kelowna, BC V1Y 9T1
250 861 7337

PENTICTON PLAZA

405-1301 Main St
Penticton, BC V2A 5E9
250 492 1319

PRINCE GEORGE PINE CENTRE

3173 Massey Dr
Prince George, BC V2N 2S9
250 561 5608

VERNON

Unit 245A-Village Green Mall
4900 27th St
Vernon, BC V1T 7G7
250 503 3610

BEST OF **BC** FALL RELEASE PRODUCT ORDER FORM

PRODUCT	BOTTLE LIMIT	QUANTITY
Burrowing Owl Chardonnay 2007 510933 \$25.00	2	_____
Burrowing Owl Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 508200 \$38.00	1	_____
CedarCreek Platinum Reserve Chardonnay 2007 607218 \$29.90	2	_____
CedarCreek Platinum Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 607234 \$39.90	2	_____
CedarCreek Platinum Reserve Syrah 2007 895458 \$39.90	3	_____
Inniskillin Okanagan Discovery Series Malbec 2007 274167 \$24.99	2	_____
Inniskillin Okanagan Discovery Series Pinotage 2007 274043 \$29.99	2	_____
Inniskillin Okanagan Discovery Series Zinfandel 2007 584433 \$29.99	2	_____
Jackson-Triggs Grand Reserve Cabernet-Shiraz 2007 632950 \$27.00	2	_____
Jackson-Triggs Grand Reserve Meritage 2007 80564 \$26.01	2	_____
Jackson-Triggs SunRock Vineyard Shiraz 2007 365635 \$35.01	2	_____
Laughing Stock Portfolio 2006 836700 \$39.02	1	_____

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PRODUCT	BOTTLE LIMIT	QUANTITY
Mission Hill Compendium 2006 85266 \$40.00	1	_____
Mission Hill Oculus 2006 870998 \$70.00	1	_____
Mission Hill Oculus 2005 111575 1.5 L \$150.00	1	_____
Mission Hill Quatrain 2006 350504 \$45.00	1	_____
NK'Mip Q ^w am Q ^w mt Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 64725 \$30.03	2	_____
NK'Mip Q ^w am Q ^w mt Pinot Noir 2007 324459 \$30.03	1	_____
NK'Mip Q ^w am Q ^w mt Syrah 2006 561415 \$35.01	1	_____
Osoyoos Larose Le Grand Vin 2006 402578 1.5 L \$85.00	1	_____
158451 3 L \$190.00	1	_____
Quails' Gate Old Vine Foch 2007 639625 \$24.99	1	_____
Quails' Gate Stewart Family Reserve Pinot Noir 2007 639658 \$45.00	1	_____
Road 13 Fifth Element Red 2006 45922 \$35.99	2	_____
Sandhill Small Lots Barbera 2006 533133 \$29.99	1	_____
Sandhill Small Lots Sangiovese 2006 700641 \$29.99	1	_____
Sandhill Small Lots <i>two</i> 2006 620344 \$34.99	1	_____

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