

BLASTED CHURCH™

HATFIELD'S FUSE 2009

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

The 2009 vintage will be one for many winemakers to remember. A beautiful summer followed by a warm and dry September. It was amazing to see fruit ripen 2-3 brix in a week. In most years the grapes ripen at a rate of 1-1.5 brix a week. This increase resulted in all grapes becoming ripe at the same time and cellars getting back logged as winemakers and cellarhands work around the clock to process fruit.

The 2009 Hatfield's Fuse showcases eight varietals that benefited from a fantastic harvest producing one of the Okanagan's finest white blends.

WINEMAKING

Each variety in the blend was hand harvested and kept separate throughout the vinification process, allowing for the full expression of each varietal. The wines were fermented in 100% stainless steel and fermentation temperatures varied. For example, Ehrenfelser was fermented at 12 degrees while Gewurztraminer was fermented at 17-21 degrees. The varied temperatures ensured that the aroma and mouthfeel of some wines were not inhibited and yeasts were not stressed. All ferments were stopped before reaching dryness so that we could keep the natural sugars of the wine. The 2009 Hatfield's Fuse blend was put together post fermentation so that the blend could have time to come together before an early January bottling.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Colour: Light golden straw.

Bouquet: Citrus, lychee, melon, floral, apple, tropical fruit.

Palate: Medium bodied, oily texture with melon, granny smith apple, citrus and tropical fruit flavours leading to a finish full of spice.

Food Pairings: Tuna poke, roast pork and escargot.

Varietal Profile

53.5% Gewürztraminer

17.1% Optima

14.2% Pinot Blanc

8.2% Chardonnay

4.0% Ehrenfelser

1.5% Pinot Gris

1.0% Riesling

0.5% Sauvignon Blanc

Total Acidity: 6.7 g/L

Final pH: 3.58

Residual Sugar: 8.5 g/L

Alcohol: 13.3%

Cases Produced: 6,900

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