

Vintage: 2016

Wine: The Quest

Varieties: 74% Unoaked Chardonnay,

20% Viognier,

6% Gewürztraminer.

**Release Date:** April 29, 2016

Wine Maker:

**Proprietors and** 

Amber Pratt

Winegrowers: Chris and Betty Jentsch

Cases Produced: 654
Bottle Size: 750ml

19.51 Keg

**Bottling Date:** April 10, 2016

**UPC:** 750ml: 6-26990-26364-7

**Appellation:** Okanagan Valley Vineyards: Summerland

and Golden Mile Bench

**Harvesting:** By hand at an average of 22 Brix **Harvest Dates:** September 9 to October 3, 2016

Vegan Friendly: Yes

**Fermentation:** An average of 15 days at 13° C

**Malolactic:** No

**Maturation:** 100% Stainless

**Lees Stirring:** No **Cold Stabilized:** Yes

 Alcohol:
 12.9%

 pH:
 3.42

 T.A:
 6.3 g/L

 Residual Sugar:
 0.9 g/L

Cellaring:  $13^{\circ} \text{ C} / 55^{\circ} \text{ F}$ 

**Aging Potential:** Drink young and fresh

within a year of release date

**Optimum** 

**Serving Temp:** 7-13° C / 45-55° F



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## **Tasting Notes:**

This unoaked white blend shows complex aromas of ripe stone fruits, white flowers and acacia with a hint of rose petal and pear. On the palate, it is vibrant yet smooth with flavours of wet flint, green apple and a mineral complexity that leads to a refreshing limezest finish.

## **Food Pairing:**

Great party starter with appetizers like pastries or dips, for example sliced apple and cream cheese. Also nice with brunch, cheese platters or a chicken salad sandwich.

## **Vintage Report:**

In 2016, the vegetation period started with hot spring weather and bud break two weeks earlier than the average, but a cooler than usual summer slowed things down. September turned out with cool nights but sunny days. This weather continued through until the end of October with occasional short showers, increasing as we reached the end of the month. A frost event on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> just missed our vineyards on the elevated Golden Mile Bench. The slower development of flavours in the grapes meant the picking date of each varietal could be perfectly set apart. Great balance and freshness is to be expected from this vintage.

## **Winemakers Notes:**

The long harvesting period meant that the grapes were ripening differently across our vineyards, thus almost a month passed between picking the Gewuertztraminer first and then finally the Viognier. All grapes were whole bunch pressed to keep purity and flavours. Great picking conditions allowed us to craft this perfectly balanced wine.