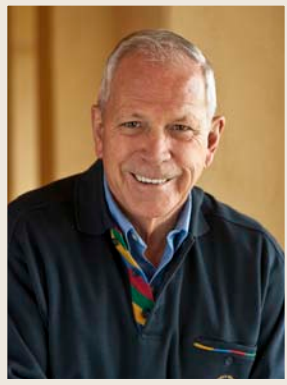


HESTER CREEK



Biography



Owner – Curt Garland

Born and raised in Prince George, BC, Curt Garland had a connection with BC's beauty from the start. Garland, however, also wanted to experience the world and has travelled to many countries. When Garland saw Hester Creek in 2004, the similarities between the Mediterranean and Oliver seemed immediate and he couldn't help but involve himself in the wine industry. Garland purchased Hester Creek just a few months later in May 2004. In his limited spare time, Garland enjoys flying, hiking, fishing, and camping.

CURT GARLAND Q & A:

Q: When did you first visit Hester Creek Winery?

A: I first saw the winery in March 2004, and was immediately drawn towards its acquisition.

Q: What was it that inspired you to want to buy it?

A: The "Golden Mile Bench" location is so beautiful, and the age of vineyard was really appealing- some of our vines are more than 40 years old!

Q: What other wine region do you find most compelling and why?

A: I love Tuscany, Italy – from what I've seen in pictures, it reminds me so much of the South Okanagan Valley with similar landscapes and climates.

Q: Given your busy schedule, how much time do you spend in the Okanagan?

A: I try to visit weekly. I'm from Prince George, but I need my visit to the Golden Mile once a week to slow down and maintain sanity in this incredibly hectic world.

Q: What is your favourite Hester Creek wine and food pairing?

A: Reserve Cabernet Franc with Rack of Lamb – complex bold red wine with a local tender lamb – can't be beat!

Q: In five years time, what would you like to see at Hester Creek?

A: I would love to reach our production goal of 35 thousand cases. I am also inspired to build a Tuscan and Mediterranean restaurant, to showcase the best of our terroir with the flavours of Europe.

Q: What has been the most rewarding part of your ownership of Hester Creek?

A. The great forward motion of our passionate and dedicated team, building our new winery facility and the reward of the constant improvement in our wines – all culminating in our grand reopening! A new milestone indeed.