

# BLACK HILLS ESTATE WINERY

BLACK HILLS NEWSLETTER | SPRING 2005

**G**reetings once again to everyone from the crew here at Black Hills Estate Winery. The time is fast approaching for the release of the much-anticipated wines of the 2003 growing season, perhaps our best growing year to date. An early spring and a long ripening season favored the cabernet sauvignon tremendously. We feel the 2003 Nota Bene is our finest vintage to date!

Our second vintage of Alibi will be released August 1. Last year's reviews of this first vintage of Alibi were fantastic. It was judged to be one of the top ten white wines in Canada last year by *Wine Access* magazine.

## OKANAGAN SPRING WINE FESTIVAL EVENT

This year, Nota Bene, Alibi and Sequentia take centre stage for a wine-maker's dinner on May 7 at the Sol Grill Room, Holiday Inn, Osoyoos.

We are celebrating the release of Nota Bene 2003 with a four course dinner, a panoramic view of Osoyoos Lake, and jazz with the Larry Crawford Trio that will carry you through a very memorable evening.

Reserve early as seating is limited.

*\$75.00 per person + GST + Gratuities*



**E**ven though we have been increasing production by 10% each year, demand for our wines far outstrips supply. Last year our wine shop was open for weekends only in May and by June we were completely sold out. Many people were disappointed.

If you are interested in ordering our wine, please place your order early to avoid disappointment! We do not have a priority system for people on our mailing list and our wine is sold on a first ordered—first served basis.

## SPRING 2005 RELEASES

### *Nota Bene* 2003

46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

Fruit aromas of plums and black cherries under a layer of gamey, earthy tobacco notes, mingled with herbal olive notes. Balanced, with a smooth muscular structure and a long plush finish.

*Senka Tennant*

RELEASE DATE: MAY 1, 2005



### *alibi* 2004

82% Sauvignon Blanc, 18% Semillon

Tasting notes for our 2004 Alibi will be available upon release at our web site, [www.blackhillswinery.com](http://www.blackhillswinery.com). Visit the site for more information on our wines, the winery and our crew.

RELEASE DATE: AUGUST 1, 2005



**B**eginning April 1 we will be taking and processing orders for both of our two new releases. For your convenience please use the online order form available on our web site at [www.blackhillswinery.com](http://www.blackhillswinery.com).

We will not be shipping during the extreme temperatures of the summer months. Shipping of Nota Bene 2003 will take place commencing April 18, and Alibi 2004 will ship beginning June 1.

Pickups will be available for Nota Bene 2003 only during the Okanagan Spring Wine Festival May 5–8.

"...Alibi 2003 is among the best ever three white wines we have tasted in British Columbia and one of the best we have had this year from anywhere in the world."

*Anthony Gismondi*  
[gismondionwine.com](http://gismondionwine.com)