

Tasting Notes

2015 Alibi

Bud Break:	April 7th, 2015
Veraison:	July 16th, 2015
Oak Regime:	Semillon barrel fermented in Puncheons
Harvest Dates:	September 10th, 2015
Bottling Dates:	March 14th, 2016
Final Blend:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% Sauvignon Blanc• 25% Semillon

Alcohol: 12.5%

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Black Hills Alibi 2015 is a classic Bordeaux-style 75/25 blend of sauvignon and semillon. It combines fruit aromas of pear, peach and melon with savoury notes including fresh sweet clover, lovely plush texture, a core of flinty minerality, and a crisp green apple finish. This is a serious, complex wine with excellent structure and potential for age. It is made in a reductive style that evokes great white Bordeaux, which can be challenging for the uninitiated, but in fact the compounds that produce them play an important role in preserving freshness and building texture and complexity. (Decanter's top ranked 2015 white Bordeaux is Ch Smith Haut Lafitte, 'vinified on the limit of reduction'; no Canadian wine has received more acclaim than Norman Hardie's 'intentionally reductive' Prince Edward County Chardonnay). An extraordinary wine that represents a new phase in the ongoing evolution of BC wine.

DJ Kearney, Vancouver Magazine Drinks Editor

The 2015 Alibi opens with a leesy, figgy, pear, Bordeaux white tone. The mix of roughly 75/25 sauvignon blanc/sémillon is healthy and well at 12.5 percent alcohol, with a fresh attack, creamy textures and ripe tropical fruit before a touch of bitters and oiliness in the finish. Well done. Try this with grilled arctic char. 89 Points

Anthony Gismondi, Gismondi on Wine

2015 Vineyard Notes

2015 was a record breaking season weather wise. An early spring put us 3 weeks ahead of 2014. The dry weather continued as the Okanagan experienced its driest June on record. A beautiful warm summer led into a cool period in September that helped balance the ripeness of the fruit. The rest of the fall was warm which allowed for a long hang time for the fruit.

Steve Carberry, Winegrower

