

NORTH WEST:

Balanced Sun | Balanced Diurnal | Silty Loam Primary

North-west of Oliver, vineyards still show influence from the type of creek systems that punctuate the Golden Mile, but bear flatter land that also integrates silt from the nearby Okanagan River and its confluence with the Golden Mile. Pockets of the area show gravel, sand, and glacio-fluvial soil. Flatter conditions also mean a more balanced day for sunlight, without the extreme morning/afternoon sun dichotomy of the southern zone.

NORTH EAST:

Afternoon Sun | Balanced Diurnal | Gravel Primary

Surrounding Oliver on the North and East sides, these Western-facing vineyards receive ample sunlight and temperature moderation from the Okanagan River and bodies of water like Tuc-el-Nuit Lake. Unlike the more homogenous Black Sage Bench further south, this zone shows a medley of soil types including sand, and gravel, as well as pockets of more fertile agricultural land and traces of minerals like limestone.

WEST 1 (GOLDEN MILE BENCH):

Morning Sun | High Diurnal Range | Alluvial Primary | Hotter Soil

The first officially designated BC Sub-GI, the GM Bench features an eastern slope that faces the morning sun and is cooler than its counterparts across the river that face west. High elevation with thin soil, however, means more solar reflection and a hotter soil than the fields further down the hill. The geology is directly influenced by multiple creek systems, and shows stone and gravel from the fluvial fans.

EAST 1:

Afternoon Sun | High Diurnal Range | Gravel Primary

Within the Black Sage Bench lies a zone of crushed gravel cobbles coated in calcium carbonate. Calcium-rich soil stretches north and crosses zone boundaries, but the Southern heat and intermingled sand make the Gravel Bar distinct. Drawing close to the river, the bar receives some diurnal moderation but is still largely affected by a strong diurnal ebb and flow, similar to the rest of the Black Sage Bench.

EAST 2:

Afternoon Sun | High Diurnal Range | Sand Primary

Characterized by loose, sandy soil, the BSB is hot and arid with temperatures soaring in the day and plummeting at night. The sand ranges in depth from ten to several hundred feet, and is the remnant of a prehistoric glacial lake. Upon this beach-like environment, organic matter is thin and hard to come by. Vineyards often work hard to encourage ground crops that can protect from erosion and revitalize the soil nutrients.

WEST 2:

Morning Sun | High Diurnal Range | Alluvial Primary | Cooler Soil

Down the hill from the Golden Mile Bench, the vineyards of the Banks are similar but crucially distinct. Facing east for cooler morning sun, the Banks are flatter overall than the Bench, meaning more potent air pooling. The soil is also damper and cooler, and shows more rock, gravel, and silt from the base fluvial fans.

SOUTH WEST:

Balanced Sun | Balanced Diurnal | Sand Primary | Windy

Similar to Osoyoos East, the West side of the lake also features glaciofluvial sand with traces of granite loam, and a balanced diurnal range encouraged by the lake. The West bank of Osoyoos tends toward flatter land however, meaning even distribution of heat from the morning and afternoon sunlight. A few vineyards in this region adopt an Eastern-facing slope that arcs towards the lake and mitigates some of the burning typical to the region.

SOUTH EAST:

Afternoon Sun | Balanced Diurnal | Sand Primary | Windy

Immediately South of the Black Sage Bench, Osoyoos has a few key distinctions. Without the protection of bluffs that shield much of the Northern area, Osoyoos sees stronger winds that complement the area's landscape. Deep sand runs throughout, encouraging plant stress, while the lake helps balance the night temperatures. Granite is intermingled with the sand, adding mineral depth.

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OLIVER OSOYOOS

WINE COUNTRY

- 1 ADEGA on 45th
- 2 BARTIER BROS.
- 3 BLACK HILLS
- 4 BLUE SKY
- 5 BORDERTOWN
- 6 BURROWING OWL
- 7 C.C. JENTSCH
- 8 CASTORO DE ORO
- 9 CHECKMATE
- 10 CHURCH & STATE
- 11 COVERT FARMS
- 12 CULMINA
- 13 DESERT HILLS
- 14 FAIRVIEW CELLARS
- 15 GEHRINGER BROTHERS
- 16 GOLD HILL
- 17 HERE'S THE THING
- 18 HESTER CREEK
- 19 HIDDEN CHAPEL
- 20 INNISKILLIN OKANAGAN
- 21 INTERSECTION
- 22 JACKSON-TRIGGS
- 23 KISMET
- 24 LA CASA BIANCA
- 25 LARIANA
- 26 LASTELLA
- 27 MAVERICK
- 28 MOON CURSER
- 29 NK'MIP CELLARS
- 30 OLIVER TWIST
- 31 PHANTOM CREEK
- 32 PIPE DREAMS
- 33 PLATINUM BENCH
- 34 QUINTA FERREIRA
- 35 RIVER STONE
- 36 ROAD 13
- 37 RUST WINE CO.
- 38 SILVER SAGE
- 39 SQUEEZED
- 40 STONEBOAT
- 41 TINHORN CREEK
- 42 VINAMITÉ
- 43 YOUNG & WYSE

  
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