



## Liquid Magic in the Mysterious Caves of Seven Stones

Nestled on benchland overlooking the Similkameen Valley, Seven Stones Winery is well-known for its full-bodied red wines, a spectacular view and its mysterious caves. Tucked away under seven feet of earth, the caves offer a beautiful and unique feature to the winery. At 3500 square feet, the caves have enough space for a dual purpose: to facilitate such events as “Wine-Makers Dinners” or private rentals and to provide the comforts of home to aging wine in only the finest of French oak barrels while listening to classical music 24/7.

One may wonder why owner George Hanson went to so much effort and expense to build such a marvel. After all, the caves are the only ones of their kind in Canada and have been rated as a world class cellar. The fact is the caves contribute to greater control of the aging process, creating the finest red wines.

Such precision in temperature control is needed as the summer heat in the Similkameen Valley can be extreme, reaching upwards of an arid 40 degrees. The depth of the caves allows the temperature to remain a constant 10.5 degrees, which is imperative to the optimal aging of wine.

### Awakening the Senses

No expense was spared in the construction of the caves, creating a mysterious and tantalizing experience for all who visit. The custom-installed LED engineered ambient lighting and sophisticated sound system offer only a taste of extravagance that’s offered in the caves. Those fortunate enough to take the “Seven Stones Experience” tour are treated to having all five senses stimulated. The tour includes a wine sample right out of the barrel which is paired with mouth-watering dark chocolate. Music is played on the cave’s crystal-clear sound system, an experience that has been known to move one to tears. A new tour has recently been added to the tour repertoire called “A Walk with the Winemaker”. This comprehensive tour offers participants an opportunity to spend an hour exclusively with the winemaker tasting from barrels and learning his secrets to winemaking.

“I love sharing the magic of this place and removing some of the mystery behind winemaking,” says owner George Hanson.

If you plan on touring the Similkameen Valley this summer, visiting the caves at Seven Stones should be on the top of your list. Take a tour, attend an event hosted in the caves or even just breathe in the view on the sundeck with your picnic lunch as you enjoy a crisp, refreshing glass of Seven Stones Chardonnay. Whatever you decide, your experience at Seven Stones Winery will be truly unforgettable.

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## About Seven Stones Winery

Seven Stones Winery is an estate boutique winery located in the pristine Similkameen Valley. The owner /winemaker George Hanson makes wines in a French style that are very elegant and show the best of grape variety. The winery produces about 4200 cases from hand-picked grapes that are grown on site. The wines are barrel aged in underground caves to ensure that they receive consistent atmospheric conditions. The caves also are available to rent for special events like weddings, retreats or winemakers dinners. There are three tour packages available to the public. One is a basic cave tour that takes 15 minutes and another is the Seven Stones Experience that takes about 40 minutes. The third one is called A Walk with the Winemaker Tour, which is an exclusive and comprehensive tour with winemaker George Hanson. Participants are treated to three barrel tastings, chocolate, a keepsake wine glass while enjoying a one-on-one experience with a winemaker. Come to enjoy our impressive facility with great wines and a world class cellar!

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