

2015 CHARDONNAY

==== COLUMBIA VALLEY ====



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of butterscotch, lemon cream pie and fresh pineapple juice greet you on the nose. The voluminous fruit continues in the mouth with flavors of meyer lemon and sweet vanilla. The full bodied fruit is balanced by clean bright acidity that leads into a long, lingering finish.

VINEYARD SOURCING

Grapes for this blend come from the Columbia Valley (Sagemoor), Horse Heaven Hills (Zephyr Ridge) and Yakima Valley (Sunnyside Vineyard). These vineyards are located in warm areas, allowing the grapes to achieve optimal ripeness.

GROWING SEASON

was the hottest year on record and began with a moderate winter that lead into a warm spring and very hot summer. The warm spring resulted in an early bloom, which caused veraison to occur 2-3 weeks earlier than normal, and began harvest 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The heatwave finally tapered off at the end of August, giving us warm days and cool nights which created the perfect conditions for great fruit flavor development. The cool nights maintained the bright natural acidity in the grapes, resulting in balanced wines with concentrated fruit.

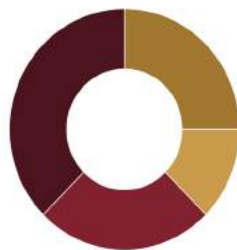
WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested in the very early hours of the morning so they would arrive to the winery cool. Once at the winery, the grapes went directly to the press where the juice was gently pressed away from the skins. The juice was allowed to cold settle for two days before racking. The juice was inoculated with a Chardonnay specific yeast and allowed to ferment cool over 30 days. A portion of the blend was fermented in barrel to add rich mouth feel and complexity. We inoculated the barrels for malolactic fermentation to help contribute to the creamy mouth feel while preserving the bright natural acidity. All of the barrels were hand stirred throughout malolactic fermentation, further adding to the roundness in the mouth feel.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation	Columbia Valley
Blend	100% Chardonnay
Alcohol	13.9%
T.A.	0.55 g/100 ml
pH	3.42

SENSORY INDICATOR



- Butterscotch
- Lemon Cream Pie
- Fresh Pineapple
- Lemon

