

2014 CHARDONNAY COLUMBIA VALLEY



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Notes of vanilla, creamsicle, juicy pear and pineapple greet you on the nose. The voluminous fruit continues in the mouth with flavors of sweet pineapple juice and fresh pear with a drizzle of sweet butter. The lush 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 Vineyard), Horse Heaven Hills (Zephyr Ridge Vineyard) and Yakima Valley (Sunnyside Vineyard). These vineyards are located in warm areas, which allows the grapes to achieve optimal ripeness.

GROWING SEASON

2014 was one of the hottest years on record. A moderate winter lead into a warm spring and a very hot summer. The warm spring resulted in an early bloom, which caused veraison to occur two to three weeks earlier than normal. Thus, we began harvest a week ahead of schedule. A warm, dry September allowed for longer hang time of the grapes which contributed to concentrated flavor development along with ripe tannins.

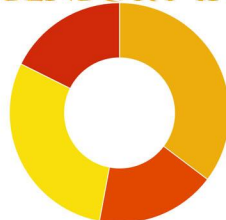
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The grapes were harvested in the very early hours of the morning so they would arrive to the winery cool. Once at the winery, the grapes went directly to the press where the juice was gently pressed away from the skins. The juice was allowed to cold settle for two days before racking. The juice was inoculated with a Chardonnay specific yeast and allowed to ferment cool over 30 days. Approximately 52% of the wine was fermented in barrel to add rich mouth feel and complexity. We inoculated some of the barrels for malolactic fermentation to help contribute to the creamy mouthfeel, while preserving the bright natural acidity. All of the barrels were hand stirred throughout malolactic fermentation, further adding to the roundness in the mouthfeel.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation	Columbia Valley
Blend	96% Chardonnay, 4% Viognier
Alcohol	13.9%
T.A.	0.60 g/100 ml
pH	3.53

SENSORY INDICATOR



- Vanilla
- Creamsicle
- Juicy Pear
- Pineapple

