



SEAN P. SULLIVAN

NORTHWEST WINE REPORT

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VALUE PICK

2023 Columbia Valley Old Vine Chenin Blanc

“This wine is a blend of fruit from Phil Church vineyard along with healthy portions from McKinley Springs, Kiona Estate, Artz, and a pinch from Ranch at the End of the Road. They were each planted between 1975 and 1983. It was fermented in clay amphora, new French oak (9%), second and third fill oak (17%), and stainless steel. About 17% underwent malolactic fermentation. The aromas show notes of kiwi, whole pink grapefruit, and wet slate. The palate is richly flavorful, full of papaya and other tropical fruit flavors. There’s oodles of textural appeal. It’s flat out delicious, a sure-fire crowd pleaser at a can’t-be-beat price. 13.2% alcohol. TCA-free micro-agglomerated cork. 1,966 cases produced.”