



2016 COLUMBIA VALLEY CHENIN BLANC

Chenin Blanc makes compelling, delicious wines from the Loire Valley and South Africa, but its visibility in the United States is tenuous. Washington state has been a bright spot for the grape, with a handful of culty offerings (including this one) generating buzz and traction in the world of hip wine aficionados and sommeliers looking to take a step or two off the beaten path.

Not that it's a new offering for us: Chenin Blanc has been a stalwart grape at Kiona since our inaugural 1980 vintage. We find its lithe profile, bright acid, and food-friendliness not only refreshing but downright charming.

Given the grape's obscurity and niche following here in the States, there's not a lot of Chenin Blanc planted in Washington. The net effect is that a small number of wineries in Washington control most of the production, with the two largest being ourselves and L'Ecole 41 in Walla Walla. If you like our version, we'd suggest trying theirs as well.

VINEYARD SOURCES //

75.4% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain

24.6% Andrews Vineyard, Columbia Valley (Sourced)

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

100% Chenin Blanc

WINEMAKING //

100% Stainless, Cold Ferment

CASE PRODUCTION //

1,490 12x750mL cases, Btl'd 12/2018

TECHNICAL DATA //

RS < 1 g/L // pH 3.41 // TA 7.58 g/L // Alcohol 12.8%

