



2019 COLUMBIA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

COLUMBIA VALLEY ORIGINALS

In 1975 our family planted one of the first vineyards in the Columbia Valley, an area now known for producing some of the world's most powerful, opulent wines of distinction. For three generations we've worked together on our farm to grow exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of the Columbia Valley.

VINEYARD PROFILE

Although designated Columbia Valley on the label, our 2019 Chardonnay is 100% estate-grown, old-vine Red Mountain fruit from our Kiona Estate vineyard. This 3.5 acre block helped pioneer the AVA way back in 1975, and it produces elegant wines worthy of attention.

WINE PROFILE

Chardonnay has been a part of our tradition dating back to 1975. The grape thrives in Washington, where the wines are nuanced and layered with a high drinkability. This 2019 version sits the fence, so to speak, in terms of Chardonnay style. Just over half was finished in stainless steel, affording crisp, clean, fruit-forward flavors. The balance spent 8 months in neutral oak and went through malolactic fermentation, adding layering, depth, and complexity. It's a crowd-pleasing wine that's equally at home with a food pairing as it is all by itself.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage on Red Mountain was similar to years prior, with heat accumulation coming in approximately 4% lower than 2018. Clear skies and a predictable summer resulted in a "by-the-book" ripening period. A relatively early frost created a bit of a crunch towards the end of the vintage.

STATISTICS

VINEYARD SOURCES //

100% Kiona Estate (Red Mountain)

VARIETAL COMPOSITION //

100% Old Vine Chardonnay (planted 1975)

WINEMAKING // 52% Stainless, 48% Neutral Oak/ML

CASE PRODUCTION // 616 12x750 mL, Btl'd 07/2020

TECHNICAL DATA //

pH - 3.59 // TA - 5.7 g/L // ABV - 13.5%

"This just might be a pretty damned good place to grow wine grapes."

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.



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