



## 2019 COLUMBIA VALLEY CHENIN BLANC

### COLUMBIA VALLEY ORIGINALS

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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

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Chenin Blanc grows exceptionally well in the Columbia Valley, where big temperature swings and ample sunlight ensure nice ripening and vibrant acidity. Strong demand and limited old-vine acreage keep Chenin Blanc in the hands of only a few top-notch producers, Kiona Vineyards and Winery included. One of our favorite grapes.

### WINE PROFILE

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With trademark bright, crisp, fruit-forward characteristic and immense food-pairability, our Chenin Blanc is a definite crowd-pleaser. Fermentation was dynamic; we employed clay amphora, stainless steel, and neutral oak for this 2019 iteration. The result is a refined take on the grape, with nice complexity, layering, and typicity. Since our inaugural 1980 vintage, Chenin Blanc has been a stalwart in our portfolio.

### VINTAGE NOTES

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The 2019 vintage on Red Mountain was similar years prior, with heat accumulation coming in approximately 4% lower than 2018. Clear skies and a predictable summer resulted in a "by-the-book" harvest, particularly for the earlier-picked grapes such as those used in this Chenin Blanc.

### STATISTICS

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#### VINEYARD SOURCES //

60% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain

40% Andrews Vineyard, Columbia Valley (Sourced)

#### WINEMAKING //

Stainless, 15% Clay Amphora 2 MO, Neutral BRL 2 MO

CASE PRODUCTION // 737 12x750mL cases, Btl'd 01/2020

#### TECHNICAL DATA //

RS 7.6 g/L // pH 3.48 // TA 7.76 g/L // Alcohol 13.8%

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

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.



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