

DESERT WIND

2015 Chardonnay

Cases produced:	130
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 2015
Fermentation:	Stainless steel tank fermented at 55°F; full malolactic fermentation
Blend:	100% Chardonnay
Final #s:	Alcohol 13.8% • TA 0.52 g/100ml • pH 3.58
Release Date:	June 2016
UPC:	768154231823

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2015 Desert Wind Chardonnay was fermented in stainless steel tanks and underwent full malolactic fermentation. This wine has approximately 25% new oak-lifting the aromatics, and playing well with the tropical notes. On the nose, the wine has aromas of tropical fruit and honeysuckle. The palate is full and round, with soft acid and a full and creamy finish. This wine will pair well with shellfish or is equally enjoyable on its own.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Wahluke Slope is located in Eastern Washington's Columbia Valley. The site is considered Zone 3, the hottest in the region. Our 480-acre vineyard is a southern facing block with a two percent slope and shallow, rocky soil. The vines are irrigated with an underground drip system; double catch wires are used to increase air circulation during the growing season. Leaf pulling and cluster thinning are important steps in aiding the ripening of the grapes.

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