

# DESERT WIND

## 2013 Chardonnay

<b>Cases produced:</b>	243
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Desert Wind Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Wahluke Slope, WA
<b>Harvested:</b>	September 2013
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Stainless steel tank fermented at 50°F; full malolactic fermentation. Aged in French oak barrels for eight months.
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Final #s:</b>	Alcohol 13 % • TA 0.56 g/100ml pH 3.68 • RS .01 g /100ml
<b>Release Date:</b>	July 2014
<b>UPC:</b>	768154231823

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our tribute to Burgundy's most famous white grape, the 2013 Desert Wind Chardonnay was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel to capture the grape's aromatic profile. The wine was then aged in French oak barrels to add structure and complexity. This Chardonnay displays flavors of apples, pears and vanilla bean, with aromas of almond, cinnamon, and brioche. Enjoy by itself or pair with lobster, crab or cream-based soups and pastas.

### 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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