

2012 Washington State Chardonnay

There are a lot of great Chardonnays coming from Washington. Often in the \$20 and under category, you'll find that the pendulum swings in one of two extreme directions: completely un-oaked or very oaked.

There are merits to both styles. Un-oaked Chardonnay from our region is very crisp, with great acidity and green fruit characteristics. It's a delightful, refreshing wine, and one that our region does very well. Oaked Chardonnays from the area have an additional layer of depth and complexity, but at the expense of some of the freshness and fruit characteristic of the un-oaked wines.

Our philosophy with this bottling is to go for the fresh qualities of an un-oaked Chardonnay that so many find appealing, while adding a little extra intrigue and complexity with Roussanne and Viognier additions that have gone through a full barrel-fermented regiment.

We use fruit from three vineyards for this wine. The heart of the blend is from Vista vineyard, a comparatively cool site that we own and farm in the Columbia Valley. This gives us a wonderful acidity and great fruit characteristic. Rounding out that Chardonnay component is an 8% addition from our Kiona Estate 1975 mother block on Red Mountain. Lastly, the Roussanne and Viognier are grown side-by-side at another of our estate Red Mountain vineyards, Ranch at the End of the Road.

By mixing vineyard sites, particularly when they vary in temperature as much as these do, we are able to add a layer of depth that a single-vineyard offering might lack. The Viognier and Roussanne additions bring wonderful aromatics and character, both from their respective varietal traits and the barrel treatment they receive.

I hope you find this Chardonnay to be both distinctive and delicious. We've been making Chardonnay in Washington state since 1982, and we have found this wine to be a delightful representation of the area and of our stylistic philosophy. Enjoy.

- JJ Williams

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VINEYARDS

2012
CHARDONNAY

WASHINGTON STATE

ALC. BY VOL. 13%

Appellation

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Vineyard Sources

83% Vista - Columbia Valley, WA

9% Ranch at the End of the Road - Red Mountain, WA

8% Kiona Estate - Red Mountain, WA

Varietal Composition

91% Chardonnay

6% Roussanne

3% Viognier

Barrel Treatment

Chardonnay - Cold fermented, stainless steel

Roussanne - 100% new french, full ML, 3 months

Viognier - 100% new french, full ML, 3 months

Case Production

933 cases, 12 x 750 mL, bottled 01/17/2013

Technical Data

Ph - 3.75

TA - 0.708

Alcohol - 13%