

Kiona

VINEYARDS



2018 COLUMBIA VALLEY CHENIN BLANC

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 side by side, hand in hand to craft exciting, vineyard-driven wines that capture the essence of the Columbia Valley.

VINEYARD PROFILE

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

With trademark bright, crisp, fruit-forward characteristic and immense food-pairability, our Chenin Blanc is a definite crowd-pleaser. We pick fairly early to preserve acidity and lock in delightful green fruit characteristic. 100% stainless cold ferment suits this style well, resulting in a slight frizzante on the pleasant off-dry finish. Since our inaugural 1980 vintage, Chenin Blanc has been a stalwart in our portfolio.

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 heat accumulation tracked slightly behind the 2017 vintage on Red Mountain. Bloom occurred slightly ahead of historical averages, and during ideal weather conditions. Crop loads were heavy going into the summer, resulting in the need to perform additional thinning. Weather during harvest (September-October) was ideal. It's a stellar high acid and high sugar vintage.

STATISTICS

VINEYARD SOURCES //

75.4% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain

24.6% Andrews Vineyard, Columbia Valley (Sourced)

VARIETAL COMPOSITION // 100% Chenin Blanc

WINEMAKING // 100% Stainless, Cold Ferment

CASE PRODUCTION // 1,490 12x750mL cases, Btl'd 12/2018

TECHNICAL DATA //

RS < 1 g/L // pH 3.41 // TA 7.58 g/L // Alcohol 12.8%

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

- JOHN WILLIAMS, CIRCA 1970.

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