

2013 SAUVIGNON BLANC COLUMBIA VALLEY

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

"This Sauvignon Blanc displays bright aromas of citrus and sweet apple, followed by fresh flavors of lime, passion fruit and white peach with a crisp, clean finish. This is a great wine to enjoy with shellfish."

— JOY ANDERSEN, WINEMAKER

VINTAGE

- TEMPERATE WEATHER PATTERNS FROM WINTER THROUGH SPRING LEFT MOST VINEYARDS IN GOOD CONDITION FOR THE GROWING SEASON.
- THE SUMMER OF 2013 WAS ONE OF THE WARMEST IN THE PAST DECADE WITH FAVORABLE TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS EXTENDING INTO FALL.
- ACCELERATED RIPENING DUE TO THE WARM SEASON WAS SLOWED BY COOLER TEMPERATURES AND LIGHT RAIN EVENTS MID-SEPTEMBER. THE TIMING AND CHANGES IN TEMPERATURES AIDED IN HANG TIME DEVELOPMENT RESULTING IN STELLAR FRUIT CHARACTERS AND FLAVORS.

VINEYARDS

- COLUMBIA VALLEY VINEYARDS ARE LOCATED EAST OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS
 AND RECEIVE JUST 6-8 INCHES OF RAINFALL ANNUALLY.
- SOILS ARE DEEP AND SANDY WITH LOW WATER-HOLDING CAPACITY AND ARE NUTRIENT POOR, WHICH ENCOURAGES FRUIT DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN VINE GROWTH.
- WARM, SUNNY DAYS AND COOL EVENING TEMPERATURES CREATE IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR INTENSE AROMAS, FLAVORS, AND ACIDITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIPENING GRAPES.

WINEMAKING

- AFTER GENTLY PRESSING THE FRUIT, THE FRESH JUICE WAS INOCULATED WITH ALCHEMY II YEAST AND FERMENTED FOR 16 DAYS IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS.
- \bullet Fermentation temperatures were carefully maintained at $50^{\circ}F$ to preserve the natural fruit and acid structure and emphasize the varietal characteristics and terroir impressions.



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BLEND: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC