

# 2015 EXTENDED AGING CHARDONNAY

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## TASTING NOTES

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### VINTAGE

- The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington State.
- Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest.
- Overall, 2015 saw optimal ripening across varieties and yielded outstanding wines throughout the region.

#### VINEYARDS

- Columbia Valley vineyards lie in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains and receive just 6-8 inches of rainfall annually.
- Warm, sunny days and cool evenings create ideal conditions for aroma and flavor development in the ripening grapes.
- A northerly latitude gives the Columbia Valley roughly two more hours of sunlight daily during the peak-growing season than California, increasing the region's ability to ripen fruit.

## WINEMAKING

- Ripe grapes were destemmed and inoculated with various strains of yeast to maximize complexity.
- Aged sur lie for 21 months to integrate the fruit and oak flavors that provide a rich mouthfeel.
- 100% malolactic fermented for softness, balance and depth.
- Aged in 100% new French oak barrels.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Total acidity

0.55 G/100 ML

рН:

3.48

Alcohol:

14.5%

Risidual Sugar:

0.1 G/100 ML

Blend:

100% Chardonnay

Cases Produced:

208