

# columbia valley 2017 Grand Estates Chardonnay

## VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 growing season was cooler and crop yields were significantly lower in comparison to the past two vintages.
- Rainfall was minimal from mid-May to mid-August and temperatures were above average in July and August.
- Despite cold winter conditions, 2017 gave us concentrated wines with classic Washington state character.

## VINEYARD NOTES

- Columbia Valley vineyards are in Eastern Washington. This region is mostly dry with less precipitation from the surrounding Cascade Mountains.
- Vineyards are 100% drip irrigation. This, combined with the low water-holding capacity
  of the soil, allow for precise control of the vines.

## RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

• Crab Cakes, Chicken Pot Pie, Pork Tenderloin.

#### TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay opens with intense aromas of apples and melons, joined by signature characters of crème brulee, caramelized sugar and butterscotch. Ripe orchard fruit flavors are joined by creamy, buttery notes and balanced by lively acidity.

ALCOHOL: 13.0%

BLEND: Chardonnay.