



# 2012 Chardonnay Columbia Valley

**Composition:** 95% Chardonnay  
5% Roussanne

**Barrels:** 100% French Burgundian Oak ~ 32% New, 68% Used

**Analysis:** pH: 3.48  
TA: 0.67%  
Alcohol: 14.1%

**Bottled:** July 3, 2013  
**Production:** 1014 cases (750mL)  
**Released:** November 1, 2013

**Accolades:** 91 Points ~ *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2014  
Double Gold ~ *Seattle Wine Awards*, Summer 2014  
89 Points ~ *The Wine Advocate* #213, June 2014  
"Excellent" ~ *Washington Wine Report*, April 30, 2014  
19/20 Points ~ *Review of WA Wines*, Jan 2014

### Vineyards:

We use multiple vineyards to produce our signature Chardonnay. By sourcing from many terroirs - some cooler, some warmer - we consistently craft a Chardonnay displaying outstanding complexity, richness and body while remaining deliciously crisp and refreshing. The 2012 vintage was almost "normal" following on the heels of two very cool years. Harvest proceeded leisurely and we were able to showcase the ripe characteristics from our beautiful Eastern Washington weather while retaining our trademark freshness and bright flavors.

- 44% Yakima Valley - Crawford, Kestrel, and Upland vineyards
- 17% Columbia Valley - The Benches Vineyard
- 16% Wahluke Slope - Weinbau and Connor Lee vineyards
- 8% Columbia River Gorge - Underwood Mountain Vineyard
- 5% Roussanne ~ Yakima Valley - Lonesome Springs Ranch

### Tasting notes:

This full-bodied Chardonnay opens with aromas of white peach, fresh pastry, and vanilla while the lush flavors of green apple, crisp pear, kiwi, hints of spiced citrus and grilled bread lead to a silky, round finish. The bright acids allow a perfect finish to this lively 2012 Chardonnay. It will be even better after breathing for a few hours, if you can wait that long...

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