

APEX CELLARS II

2008 Chardonnay

Blend

100% Chardonnay

Bottling

pH: 3.6
TA: 6.7 g/L
Alc: 14.2%
RS: .02%

Vineyards

70% Dionysis
30% Evergreen

Bottling Date

June 15, 2009

Fermentation

30% 3 weeks in stainless steel
with PDM yeast strain 70%
barrel aged for 6 months in
French, American and Hungarian

Maturation

6 months on fine lees

Fining

Light bentonite pre-bottling

II APEX

Apex Cellars is one of Washington's most respected wineries. Its three brands, Apex, Apex II, and Bridgman, cover the spectrum from reserve-caliber, vineyard-designate wines to wines that can be enjoyed every day. Apex Cellars has one of the state's most enviable records for awards per wine entered in local, regional or national competitions. All of the winery's brands have received glowing reviews from respected wine experts here and abroad.

Columbia Valley

Washington's success with vinifera is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 6 - 8 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor and ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity.

Tasting Note

Straw yellow in color; viscous, caramel dipped pear/apple aromas; spice and flint Lemon-lime finish; toasty oak vanilla bean and buttery fruit; Caramel/butterscotch.

