

HOUSE WINE

2009 House Wine Chardonnay

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Washington's success with vinifera grapes 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 development in the grapes. Warm daytime temperatures ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity. Creating wines with perfect balance and flavors.

VINTAGE NOTE

Bud break was a bit later than normal for the 2009 vintage. However, due to a long, hot summer, the grapes had plenty of hang time and experienced an accelerated growth. Harvest began early and was completed quicker than normal. The shorter harvest was a blessing as most vineyards were not effected by the October 10th frost because picking was already complete. The 2009 wines promise great color, balanced acidity and well developed fruit flavors.

TASTING NOTE

Fragrant pineapple, nectarine and straw notes marry with toasted marshmallow and vanilla crème aromatics on the welcoming nose. The creamy palate brings together jasmine, lime and toasted coconut. The finish is well balanced with lingering fruit and light oak.

BLEND

85.5% Chardonnay, 7% Rousanne,
5.5% Gewurztraminer, 2% Viognier

FOOD PAIRINGS

Roast Chicken, Grilled Vegetables, Pasta with Cream Sauce,
Cajun Salmon

BOTTLING

PH: 3.65 TA: 0.46
RS: .19% ALC.: 13.5%

CASES

4,256



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