



## 2015 GEWÜRZTRAMINER COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Gewürztraminer
Appellation:	Columbia Gorge AVA
Bottled:	May 3, 2016
Technical Data:	Alc. 13.5% by vol.; RS: 1.5%; TA: 5.88 g/L; pH: 3.11
Cases Produced:	605
Production & Aging:	Stainless steel fermentation

### THE VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was one for the record books with an exceptionally warm growing season which led to an historically early start and end to the grape harvest in Washington state. At Maryhill Winery, the arrival of grapes began on August 24th and carried strong until the final delivery on October 15th. Although the warmest growing season on record, the quality of the fruit was phenomenal and the wines from the 2015 vintage show to be well-balanced with deep, concentrated flavors.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from award-winning Celilo Vineyards in Washington State's Columbia Gorge AVA. Planted in 1972 on Underwood Mountain in Skamania County, in the Columbia Gorge AVA. The annual rainfall of 50 inches percolates into the vineyard's grainy "buckshot" sized volcanic loam. Soils from the extinct volcanic cone of Underwood Mountain can be as deep as 45 feet and retain moisture well, allowing Celilo Vineyards to survive without irrigation.

### THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes and destemmed into the press, where each lot was processed on a champagne cycle. This is a slower press cycle that is extremely gentle on the fruit ensuring optimum fruit character is preserved. This wine was fermented at cold a temperature to bring out the fruit structure and enhance the balanced mouthfeel for a lengthy finish showcasing the acidity.

### TASTING NOTES

Delightfully aromatic with elements of grapefruit, elderflower, and honey roasted pear. A rounded mouthfeel is highlighted by succulent pear and melon and a refreshing crispness.

### AWARDS

Silver, 2016 INDY International Wine Competition



*Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year*  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

*Winery of the Year*  
San Francisco International, 2014

*Top 10 Winery of the World*  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

*Winemaker of the Year*  
INDY International, 2013