



## 2018 CHARDONNAY COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	July 31, 2019
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.1% by vol.; RS: 0.55%; TA: 5.73 g/L; pH: 3.39
Cases Produced:	5850
Production & Aging:	Partially fermented on 30% French Oak staves

### THE VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was warmer than average, with ideal weather occurring during the harvest season. The season started cool in April, and warmed up in May, advancing blooming. This advancement led to a large crop size that required extensive thinning. July and August served as warmer than average months, but the season cooled down once again in September creating ideal conditions for ripening. October temperatures were average across the Columbia Valley, with moderate days and cool nights. Warm days during harvest continued sugar accumulation while cooler nights preserved acidity. As a result, Brix levels were slightly above average in 2018, while acid levels were higher than anticipated for a warm vintage. Maryhill Winery received a total of 1,115 tons of fruit in 2018.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from a number of award-winning vineyards in Washington State's Columbia Valley's AVA, including Tudor Hills Vineyard farmed by the Tudor family.

### 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. The wine was then barrel aged for 10 months in new French Oak. The wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and raked when necessary to soften the tannins. Before blending and bottling, the wine was raked off the lees for clarity.

### TASTING NOTES

Honeysuckle and lilac aromas drift into apricot and peach with a slight hint of vanilla. A peach and butterscotch flavor upfront with a toasted walnut and popcorn finishing with a crisp acid and flint note.

### AWARDS

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*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, 2019, 2018 & 2013