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LUSH RED AND VIBRANT WHITE WINES FROM THE COLUMBIA VALLEY



2003 • CHENIN BLANC • COLUMBIA VALLEY WASHINGTON

VINTAGE

The 2003 vintage was one of the warmest vintages in the last 10 years with hot weather lasting throughout the entire month of September. The last weeks of October finally brought arctic weather but not until all the grapes were ripened to their optimal potential. Cool sites for white wines were a prerequisite to retain delicate fruit flavors and reasonable acidity in the wines.

VINEYARDS

100% old vines from Andrews Horse Heaven Vineyard, Columbia Valley Appellation.

WINEMAKING

Final Blend - 100% Chenin Blanc. All of the grapes were machine harvested on October 6th and crushed, stemmed and pressed immediately after harvest. Clean juice was racked from the lees 3 days after settling in a stainless tank, the subsequent juice lees were filtered back into the body of the main blend to add more richness and character to the wine. The juice was inoculated with M-1 yeast to enhance flavor and aromatics. The fermentation was held strictly at 58 degrees Fahrenheit to maintain the delicate esters, fruit flavors and natural acidity. Fermentation naturally stopped 70 days after the yeast was added. For an additional 45 days after the completion of the fermentation, the wine lees were rolled over in the tank to again add richness and texture to the final wine.

TECHNICAL DATA

Bottled March 2004, cases produced 1409, pH 3.65, TA .47. RS 1.5%, Average Brix at harvest 25, alcohol 14.2%.

TASTING NOTES

Refreshingly off dry for the first time in our history of producing Chenin Blanc, this highly aromatic wine fills your glass with rich grapefruit, sweet pear, honey and citrus flavors followed by a clean refreshing finish. Enjoy now through 2007.

BOOKWALTER CHENIN BLANC PEDIGREE

Always a favorite with the press and the consumers, this wine's predecessor was considered by Sunset Magazine to be "**possibly the best Chenin Blanc in America.**"



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