

# 2018 | READERS CHARDONNAY

COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.



Our Readers Chardonnay continues to be an outstanding 100% stainless co-fermented blend, which offers aromas of fresh citrus, honeysuckle, and peaches. The symphony of fruit on the palate echoes the aromas and is accented by minerality, quince and chamomile flowers. The wine enters the palate sweet, has a generous mouth coating mid palate, and remains seamless to the finish. With a heightened freshness, sweet fruit and balanced acidity, this wine is sporty enough to go anywhere.

## VINTAGE

2018 offered picture-perfect ripeness and good freshness of acidity for this rich and bright Chardonnay style everyone loves. A clean crop of golden Chardonnay was ripe in late summer with the Viognier ripening further for two weeks. Together at Conner Lee Vineyard we've grown outstanding Chardonnays for 25 years. The early budbreak and sunny warm summers lead into mild September days with cold night when we harvested at midnight at ideal ripeness.

## WINEMAKING

Midnight harvesting is an old trick done in late summer white wines to preserve acidity and keep fruit cold for better flavor when pressing. Both the Chardonnay and Viognier were harvested in the cold of night and pressed at dawn. Co-fermented in stainless steel, we chose VL3 yeast to enhance the flowery tones and fermented cold slowly at 50°F. We then aged for four months on lees, stirring to bring body to match the brightness of fruit. Bottled young at six months, we captured the favorite style of bright and rich, ripe and flowery Chardonnay. Ready to drink young where it carries itself with many varied foods.

## APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100% | 100% Conner Lee

## FINAL BLEND

80% Chardonnay  
20% Viognier

## AGING

Fermented and aged  
in 100% stainless  
steel tanks

**CASES PRODUCED** 2,100 12-pack cases/750mL

**TECHNICAL DATA** Bottled: March 4, 2019 • Alcohol: 13.6% by volume • pH: 3.55 • TA: 6g/L • RS: 3g/L

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