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2013 Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

VINTAGE

Over the course of the last few vintages, the Columbia Valley has seen a shift from two of last decade's cooler vintages in 2010 and 2011 to the warmest vintage of the last ten years in 2013. An early bud break was followed by warm temperatures that persisted through August. Harvest started earlier than normal but cool September temperatures slowed ripening considerably, and most grapes benefited from the drawn-out hang time that occurred because of these cooler temperatures.

VINEYARDS

At Januik Winery, we believe single vineyard wines should only be made when a particular site yields an exceptional wine that reflects the unique character of the vineyard. I started working with Cold Creek Vineyard in 1990, and it has always been my favorite Chardonnay site in the state. Perhaps more than any other vineyard in the state, this site consistently produces Chardonnay of the highest quality year after year.

WINEMAKING

Following traditional Burgundian winemaking techniques, grapes were harvested at the peak of flavor, pressed and fermented in equal amounts of new and once used French oak barrels. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation for added complexity and richness and was aged *sur lie* for ten months to integrate the oak and fruit before blending and bottling during the summer of 2014.

TASTING NOTES

Rich and elegant, the Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay has hints of citrus, pear, spice, and green apple. It is creamy on the palate and has a bright, focused lingering finish.

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker

ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity..…….0.58g/100ml

pH.……...……3.34

Blend… ……100% Chardonnay

Cases..…….....693

Bottling Date..…….....August 21, 2014