



# JANUIK



## 2015 Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

### VINTAGE

Over the course of the last four vintages, the Columbia Valley has seen a shift from two of this decade’s cooler vintages in 2010 and 2011 to the two warmest vintages of the last ten years in 2014 and 2015. In 2015, an early bud break was followed by warm temperatures that persisted through the summer and well into the fall. Harvest started earlier than most vintages and finished 10 days earlier than normal. This added warmth has helped create wines that are intensely aromatic with very concentrated flavors.

### 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 2016.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich and elegant, the Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay has hints of citrus, pear, and honey crisp apple as well as a slight mineral quality. It has a rich creamy texture on the palate and a bright lingering finish.



### ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.58g/100ml
pH.....	3.32
Blend... ..	100% Chardonnay
Cases.....	704
Bottling Date.....	August 4, 2016

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker