



# THE WALLS

## 2017 LIP STINGER

### Behind the Name

*“There is no place like Rhône’ and the 2017 “Lip Stinger” is the perfect tribute to both the saying – and the place!*

Although it is predominantly Grenache Blanc, the true secret to this wine lies in its varietal blend. Grenache Blanc is blended with other white Rhône varietals grown at French Creek including Picpoul, Roussanne, Marsanne, Clairette Blanc, and Viognier. The name is directly translated from Picpoul which means “stings the lip,” referring to the grape’s naturally high acidity. Our Lip Stinger is an age-worthy uncommon white that is expressive of its Washington State terroir.

### Production Notes

Aged in 35% new French oak,  
65% neutral French oak, 77% large format barrels

Fermented in 90% French oak barrel,  
10% stainless steel tank

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of white fruit, such as Asian pear, with floral notes, soft and round mouthfeel, mild and well-integrated acidity, distinct brininess, flavors of unripe pineapple and lychee with a slightly herbaceous finish of fresh fennel seeds.

### Pairing Notes

Excellent aperitif and pairs well with chevre, olives, or oysters

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**BLEND:** 35% Grenache Blanc  
23% Chardonnay  
17% Picpoul/Marsanne/Clairette Blanc  
15% Roussanne  
11% Viognier

**AVA/VINEYARD:** Columbia Valley AVA,  
French Creek, White Salmon, SJR and River  
Rock Vineyards

**HARVEST DATE:** 09/21/2017; 225 cases  
produced

**ABV:** 14.6%

**RETAIL:** \$30/ bottle