

## BLEND: 75% Chardonnay , 12% Grenache Blanc, 10% Roussanne, 3% Semillon

VINEYARDS French Creek Vineyard White Salmon Vineyard

> HARVEST DATE Oct. 201 6

Barrel fermented in 78% new 228L French Oak Barrels, 22% Stainless Steel Barrels

## WALLS

2016 LES JEUNES VIGNES

## THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

We're calling this wine "young vines" by French standards, all because, American vines are young. Our winemaker wanted to extend our scope of Chardonnay-making and create Chardonnay from premium vineyards in warmer sections of Washington than the Columbia Gorge offerings, yet still maintain a Burgundian style.

## **Tasting Notes**

We have incredible fruit, and that makes all the difference in the finished wine. The climate these grapes grow in is warmer, with better sun expo-sure. The result is a chardonnay with a delicate aromatic nose of lemon zest and white flowers, coupled with a bold, distinct, and brawny mouth-feel and flavors of citrus and lemon curd.

Sourced from younger vines from the Columbia Valley, this opens with a beautiful bouquet of ripe honeydew melon with shades of banana and wild mushroom that all develop nicely in the glass. The soft mouthfeel is really nice, as is the bright citrus fruits that mingle with lemon infused vanilla cream. Bright and showing good length, this excellent new Chardonnay will cellar well over the next five to seven years.

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