



# 2015 SÉMILLON COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Sémillon
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Harvested:	September 2015
Bottled:	April 27, 2016
Technical Data:	Alc. 13.5% by vol.; RS: 0.01%; TA: 5.13 g/L; pH: 3.31
Cases Produced:	986
Production & Aging:	Stainless steel fermentation

## THE VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was one for the record books with an exceptionally warm growing season which led to an historically early start and end to the grape harvest in Washington state. At Maryhill Winery, the arrival of grapes began on August 24th and carried strong until the final delivery on October 15th. Although the warmest growing season on record, the quality of the fruit was phenomenal and the wines from the 2015 vintage show to be well-balanced with deep, concentrated flavors.

## THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning Tudor Hills Vineyards in Washington state’s Columbia Valley AVA.

## THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes and destemmed into the press, where each lot was processed on a champagne cycle. This is a slower press cycle that is extremely gentle on the fruit ensuring optimum fruit character is preserved. The wine was fermented at 50°F for thirty days to ensure the wine’s fruit character was preserved to its fullest.

## TASTING NOTES

Zesty and palate-cleansing with notes of lemon, apple, pear and green papaya.

## AWARDS

Gold, 2016 Indy International Wine Competition



*Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year*  
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

*Winery of the Year*  
San Francisco International, 2014

*Top 10 Winery of the World*  
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

*Winemaker of the Year*  
INDY International, 2013