



## 2017 SAUVIGNON BLANC COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	May 2, 2018
Technical Data:	Alc. 14.1% by vol.; RS: 0.16%; TA: 6.57 g/L; pH: 3.01
Cases Produced:	1,490
Production & Aging:	Stainless steel fermentation

### THE VINTAGE

2017 was a warmer than average year and the growing season began slowly. Bud break occurred a couple of weeks later than usual, especially when compared to the last few harvests. The late bud break was due to the substantial cold weather that occurred in Washington State during the winter of 2016. Temperatures then rose dramatically in late June through July. The extreme heat caused vines to shut down, which further delayed harvest. Some grapes that are customarily picked early were harvested significantly later than historical dates, although this varied throughout the state. The upsides to the lengthened harvest were longer hang times and agreeable flavor development in the red varieties that need more time to age on the vine. In white varieties, acids were held which resulted in improved balance. Wines from this vintage will age longer if red, and whites will have more pronounced zing.

### THE VINEYARD

Sourced from two award-winning vineyard in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA, 80% Tudor Hills Vineyard and 20% Gunkel (Estate) Vineyard.

### 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 harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. This wine was fermented separately by block with different yeast strains to bring out the fruit structure and enhance the balanced mouthfeel for a lengthy finish showcasing the acidity.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright and crisp with fresh cut grass and lime characters that open up on the nose, as well as a tartness reminiscent of grapefruit on the palate.

### AWARDS

New Release



*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, 2018 & 2013