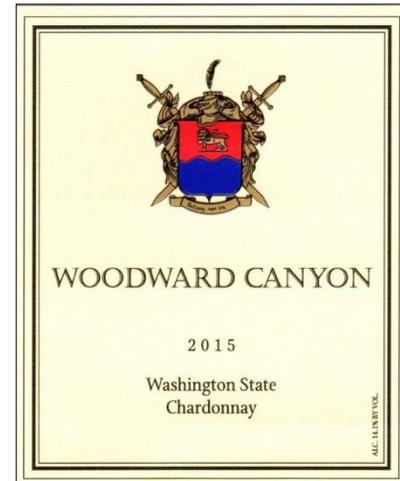




## 2015 Washington State Chardonnay

<u>Varietal Composition:</u>	100% chardonnay
<u>Bottling Date:</u>	May 25, 2016
<u>Release Date:</u>	Fall, 2017
<u>Alcohol</u>	14.1 % by volume
<u>Production:</u>	611 cases 750ml



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### Vineyards:

All Chardonnay from our Walla Walla Valley Estate Vineyard (90%) is certified sustainable and also certified Salmon Safe. The Celilo Vineyard Chardonnay from the Columbia Gorge Appellation (10%) completes the blend.

### Vintage Specific Characteristics:

This 2015 Washington State Chardonnay is produced predominantly from our oldest grapes. Originally planted in 1977, this southeast-facing chardonnay vineyard (clone 108) could easily qualify as “old vines” at 40 years of age. The Ritzville Silt Loam soil is extremely shallow, lying over fractured basalt, and is of marginal productivity. The remaining chardonnay from Celilo Vineyard (Wente Clone) is comprised of volcanic soils and is fine in texture with very small pebbles scattered throughout.

### Production Notes and General Characteristics:

This Chardonnay was 100% barrel fermented in French Burgundy barrels, of which roughly 20% were new. Rich flavors of peach and apple marry with vanilla, spice and hazelnut to offer complex aromas in the nose balanced with mineral notes and generous crisp fruit in the mouth. At the same time, there is an elegant, refined side and it shows a very distinct sense of place. This wine was produced from a rather warm vintage; I recommend consuming over the next several years.

### Reviews:

#### Wine Enthusiast, September 2017

A blend of fruit from Woodward Canyon and Celilo vineyards, subtle aromas of pear, apple and toast lead to elegant well-balanced fruit flavors, brightened by tart acidity. The balance is exquisite. Apple flavors persist on the finish. *91*

#### Wine Spectator, July 2017

Polished and vibrant, with floral tropical fruit and spice aromas and sleek, complex flavors of pear and citrus. Drink now through 2019. 613 cases made. *90*

#### The Wine Advocate, June 2017

The 2015 Washington State Chardonnay is outstanding. Offering up classy notes of sautéed apple, peach and even subtle tropical hints, it hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, plenty of texture and impeccable balance. This is classic Chardonnay that has richness with freshness. *90*