



WOODWARD CANYON

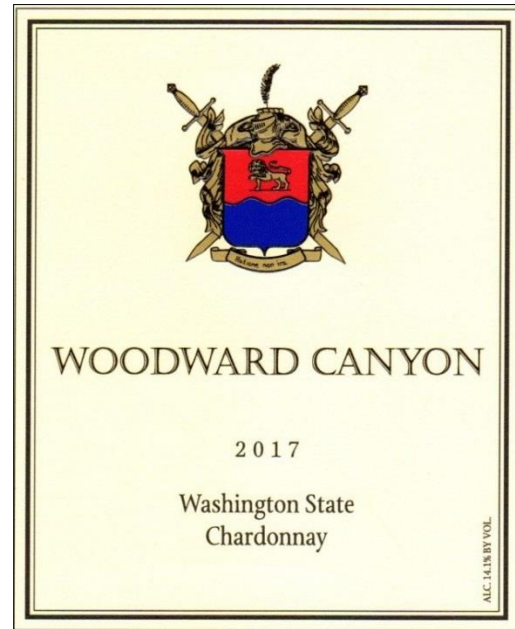
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2017 WASHINGTON STATE CHARDONNAY

<u>Varietal Composition:</u>	100% chardonnay
<u>Alcohol:</u>	14.1% by volume
<u>Bottling Date:</u>	May 16, 2018
<u>Production:</u>	327 cases 750ml
<u>Release Date:</u>	Summer 2018



Vineyards:

Celilo Vineyard (50%), Columbia Gorge Appellation and Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard (50%), Walla Walla Valley Appellation. Our Estate Walla Walla Valley vineyard is certified Salmon-Safe.

Vintage Specific Characteristics:

This stunning 2017 Washington State Chardonnay was produced from Celilo Vineyard chardonnay (Wente clone) grown in the Columbia River Gorge and Woodward Canyon Estate chardonnay (Clone 108) in the northwestern corner of the Walla Walla Valley. The grapes were harvested by hand, sorted, and whole cluster pressed. The very low yield averaged just over 2 tons per acre, with all grapes harvested by the end of September. This 2017 Washington State Chardonnay reflects the vintage well. The Walla Walla Valley influence is apparent due to the slightly richer character of 40 year old estate grown fruit; the Celilo influence brings elegance, balance and length.

Production Notes and General Characteristics:

This wine was fermented in 100% French burgundy barrels; roughly 20% new. Beautifully vibrant flavors of ripe pear, caramelized apple, and peach marry perfectly with wonderful acidity. Whole cluster pressing gives delineated fruit which integrates beautifully with notes of vanilla, mineral and toasted hazelnut. Finally, the oak is understated by our choice and is in wonderful proportion with the alcohol, fruit and acidity. Fully mature fruit shows in the mouth; the texture is smooth and silky. The finish is complex, generous, and long. And while this wine may be consumed now, it will benefit substantially with a year in bottle and should continue to improve for another several years with proper cellaring.