

# WATERBROOK

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

• 2016 •

## Chardonnay

COLUMBIA VALLEY

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2016 growing season started quickly with warm temperatures across Washington, encouraging vigorous vine development. By late June, however, temperatures cooled considerably, creating optimal growing conditions for fruit maturation. In late summer, rain came to the vineyard and helped ease vine stress, while the vineyard teams worked tirelessly to ensure the canopies and fruit clusters would produce top quality grapes. White varietals will express lush, tropical notes, while early ripening red varietals are well-developed with bright fruit notes. Longer-ripening red varietals, like Cabernet Sauvignon, will show more savory characteristics than in years past, and should make for cellar-worthy wines.

Grape Source: Canyon Vineyard Ranch, Oasis, Sagemoor, Wallula, Waterbrook Estate Vineyard

Variety Percentage: 98% Chardonnay, 2% Viognier

Harvest Date: Sept. 3 – Oct. 28, 2016

### TASTING NOTE

Aromas of vanilla and pineapple fill the nose while the palate opens with Bartlett pear and golden delicious apple. A crisp mouthfeel is balanced with nice viscosity leading to a toasty finish laced with whiskey notes and a hint of dried tropical fruit.

### WINEMAKING

Yeast: Vivache, VL 2

ML: 55%

Oak: 23% new American oak;

35% barrel fermentation

Aged: 8 months

Fining: Bentonite

TA: 5.5g/l PH: 3.71

Alcohol: 13.7%

Bottled: May 30 – June 19, 2017

