

TENOR

2015 Chardonnay

Tenor Chardonnay is a hybrid of classical and new world thinking, designed to take greatest advantage of the strengths of Washington's climate and geography. Grapes grown in this state are capable of remarkable freshness, as well as depth of flavor, and our goal is to create a pure and balanced expression of this grape as a stand-alone varietal. Like all Tenor wines, the chardonnay is big and opulent, intense and fruit forward, but the oak is well integrated and acidity has been retained to deliver a wine that is fresher, and more bright on the palate. The wine reflects a slow evolution toward the ultimate balance of verve/vibrancy with the richness this varietal is noted for, here in the new world. Barrel fermenting enables this wine to age gracefully, gaining layers of complexity through 4 to 8 years and possibly longer.

100% barrel fermented in 100% new 228L barrels. Stirred bi-weekly and bottled in early March 2017. A normal primary fermentation and full malo allowed for our normal protocol of stirring bi-weekly for the duration of its aging. We extended the aging out to almost 18 months to continue to soften the impact of the new oak in the wine.

"Honeycomb, lemon bar, light baking spices with a hint of caramel. Swirling brings honeydew melon, lightly toasted brioche and lemon crème pie. It has beautiful volume and texture with hints of crème brulee, apricots and spice. A baby now so give this time to unwind."

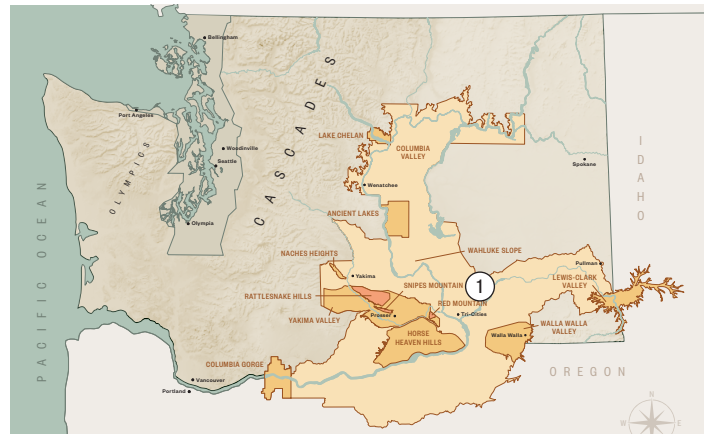
-ARYN MORELL, WINEMAKER

SELECT VINEYARDS

- ① Columbia Valley AVA Stillwater Creek Vineyard

"The 2015 Chardonnay from Tenor comes all from the Columbia Valley and was brought up in new French oak. Sautéed citrus, caramelized apple, and brioche notes flow to a medium-bodied, rich, toasty Chardonnay that has rock-solid mid-palate concentration, excellent purity, and a balanced, classic style. It's incredibly high quality and I suspect capable of lasting for a decade or more."

-93 POINTS, JEB DUNNUCK



Production	100 Cases
Release Date	2017
Blend	100% Chardonnay
Vinification	100% new French oak 228L barrels
Aging	18 months
Alcohol	14.3%