

DESERT WIND

2009 Chardonnay Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced:	569
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	September 15 – September 30, 2009
Fermentation:	95% stainless steel, 5% barrel fermented/ partial malolactic fermentation
Blend:	100% Chardonnay
Final #s:	Alcohol 14.2% • TA 0.51 g/100ml pH 3.48 • RS .31g/100ml
Release Date:	July 2010
UPC:	768154231823

Winemaker's Notes

The 2009 Desert Wind Chardonnay displays aromas of golden apple and Bartlett pear which pleasantly mingle with citrus and mineral flavors. A small amount of the wine was barrel fermented to add depth and structure. On the palate, this wine is soft and supple, but retains enough acidity to pair well with food. Enjoy the 2009 Chardonnay as a stand-alone wine or pair with chicken, shellfish or creamy soups and pastas.

Vineyard Notes

Desert Wind Vineyard is located in Eastern Washington on the Wahluke Slope. This site is considered a zone 3, the hottest in the Columbia Valley. The 480-acre vineyard is a southern facing block with a 2 percent down hill slope. The soil is very shallow and rocky and the vines are irrigated with an underground drip system. Double catch wires are used to increase air circulation during the growing season. Leaf pulling and cluster thinning are important steps in aiding the ripening of the grapes.



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