

DESERT WIND

2010 Chardonnay Wahluke Slope, WA

Cases produced:	1,159
Vineyard:	Desert Wind Vineyard
Appellation:	Wahluke Slope, WA
Harvested:	October 2010
Fermentation:	85% stainless steel, 15% barrel fermented in new French oak; partial malolactic fermentation
Blend:	100% Chardonnay
Final #s:	Alcohol 13.5% • TA 0.76 g/100ml pH 3.32 • RS .2g/100ml
Release Date:	April 2012
UPC:	768154231823

Winemaker's Notes

The 2010 Desert Wind Chardonnay displays aromas of white peach and Bartlett pear which pleasantly mingle mineral flavors, followed by subtle hints of vanilla. A portion 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 2010 Chardonnay as a stand-alone wine or pair with chicken, shellfish or cream-based 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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