

COLUMBIA WINERY

2005 Chardonnay Columbia Valley

Harvest

A warm summer followed by a cool harvest allowed the fruit to ripen slowly on the vine to achieve a fine balance and a lively acidity

Tasting Notes

Fresh flavors of tropical fruit, pears and soft oak fill the nose. Ripe mango and nectarines are accented by delicate hints of oak that lead to a full and lively finish.

Bottling

Total Acidity6.1g/L
pH.....3.42
Alcohol..... 13.5%
Cases Produced 12,000
Release DateSeptember 2006

Varietal

Chardonnay 100%

Oak

Time..... 5 months
Blend of French and American oak

Masterful Wines from Washington State

Columbia Winery was founded in 1962 by ten friends, six of whom were University of Washington professors. Originally known as Associated Vintners, the group was united in the belief that classic European vinifera vines could survive the harsh Washington winters and that fine wine could be made in Washington State.

David Lake, Master of Wine, joined Columbia Winery in 1979 as winemaker and continued the pioneering spirit of Columbia Winery's founders for 27 years. David is most renowned for his experimentation with new varietals and for producing the first series of vineyard-designate wines in Washington State. He was the first winemaker to produce several varietals in Washington, including Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Pinot Gris. Today, we continue to experiment with new varietals and in new directions.

