



GORDON

Estate

2016 *Reserve Chardonnay*

ESTATE GROWN ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY - KAMIAK VINEYARD

- **COMPOSITION:** 100% Chardonnay
 - **FERMENTATION:** 60% New Oak
 - **pH:** 3.84
 - **TA:** 5.8 g/l
 - **ALCOHOL:** 13.8%
 - **PRODUCTION:** 399 Cases - Bottled September 2017
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VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was another hot and early vintage in Washington State, and Kamiak Vineyard was no different. The mild winter led into a warm and quick spring, with degree days accumulating early. Bud break occurred about the 1st week of April, around two weeks earlier than normal. Heat built quickly with a much warmer than average late spring and stayed hot until mid- September. Our second-earliest harvest on record began with Chardonnay on August 25th, just as the heat of summer was transitioning to a mild fall, and a rainy October delayed the end of harvest to the end of the month. The last of the red fruit was brought into the cellar on October 25th. By the end of November, winter began settling in and the Gewurztraminer was harvested for ice wine on December 14th.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Fruity aromas of golden apple, pear, quince, and white nectarine, lead to barrel notes of powdered sugar, vanilla, caramel, and toasted brioche. Sur lie aging has provided a very creamy/textured palate with a beautiful silky finish. This is a very rich wine with bright tree fruit notes and a moderate amount of acidity with richness that reflects the barrel fermentation.

