



1851 Cellars Chardonnay COLUMBIA VALLEY, WASHINGTON

1851 Cellars was created in collaboration with the Milbrandt's and Wahluke Wine Company to craft a line of Washington wines that are excellent value for the price and stand out as reputable examples of their particular varietals or blends while remaining affordable. The wines were created in honor of WA State and the great city of Seattle, which was founded in 1851 (according to the City of Seattle archives). Each wine has an icon that calls out the heritage of WA State with an explanation of the historical significance of the icon on the back label.

Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Grapes: 100% Chardonnay

Vinification: aged sur lie for about 12 months with partial malolactic fermentation

Tasting Notes

Nose: Warm yellow apples

Palate: Full bodied with warm (not cooked) Braeburn apples, green apple undertone, gentle spices, simple acidity with a round finish.

Characteristics: Rich and pleasant. Not overbearing or overly oaked. Balanced and expressive of the fruit with a rich texture to the mouth.

Pairings: Roasted chicken, marinated pork, pasta, curry dishes, and roasted vegetables. Expressive cheeses such as Tomme de Fedou or Petit Basque.

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Climate and Terrior: Eastern Washington experiences a true continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters; frost and winter freezes are serious concerns for growers. Soils consist of basalt bedrock and thin alluvial topsoil, deposited by the same Missoula Floods that washed through the Willamette Valley at the end of the last ice age. Loess is everywhere, as well as layers of sand and gravel.

Columbia Valley encompasses these appellations except the Puget Sound and is located in Eastern Washington. The Columbia Valley is the largest appellation in Washington State. The Columbia Valley contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington State - 43,000 acres (16,207 hectares). Vineyards are planted on predominately south-facing slopes, increasing solar radiation in summer and promoting air drainage in winter. AVA 1984 Many wineries list only Columbia Valley as they source grapes from multiple vineyards.

Varietals

Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Marsanne, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Pinot noir, Riesling, Roussanne, Sangiovese, Sauvignon blanc, Semillon, Syrah, Viognier and Zinfandel; with some additionally obscure varietals as well.