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2012 Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

VINTAGE

After two cooler than normal vintages, the 2012 vintage more closely resembled what is typical of the Columbia Valley. Though Spring 2012 temperatures were relatively cool, summer temperatures were warm and remarkably consistent. The ideal weather continued through harvest and allowed us to produce aromatic, flavorful wines with good acidity. Expect the wines from this vintage to be long-lived and incredibly well-balanced.

VINEYARDS

At Januik Winery, we believe single vineyard wines should only be made when a particular site yields an exceptional wine that reflects the unique character of the vineyard. I started working with Cold Creek vineyard in 1990, and it has always been my favorite Chardonnay site in the state. Perhaps more than any other vineyard in the state, this site consistently produces Chardonnay of the highest quality year after year.

WINEMAKING

Following traditional Burgundian winemaking techniques, grapes were harvested at the peak of flavor, pressed and fermented in equal amounts of new and once used French oak barrels. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation for added complexity and richness and was aged *sur lie* for ten months to integrate the oak and fruit before blending and bottling during the summer of 2013.

TASTING NOTES

Rich and elegant, the Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay has hints of pear, citrus, guava, and green apple. It is creamy on the palate with layers vanilla and a bright, focused lingering finish.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity0.56g/100ml
 pH.....3.36
 Blend...100% Chardonnay
 Cases.....697
 Bottling Date.....August 28, 2013

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker