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2007 Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

VINTAGE

Due to an unusual spring heat wave just before bloom, berries were smaller-than-average in 2007, adding concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer conditions, followed by the Columbia Valley's typical fall weather pattern of warm days and cool nights, ripened grapes slowly and evenly. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavor.

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 one of my favorite Chardonnay sites 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 primarily new 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 2008.

TASTING NOTES

Rich and elegant, the Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay is packed with creamy pear and citrus aromas. Layered with hints of vanilla and mineral flavors, the finish is bright, balanced and lingering.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity0.58g/100ml
 pH.....3.42
 Blend...100% Chardonnay
 Cases.....656
 Bottling Date.....August 27, 2008

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker