

# LE CHATEAU

## *Chardonnay*

### COLUMBIA VALLEY

Our 2014 Le Chateau Chardonnay produces aromas of crisp green apple, peaches, white chocolate, cracked walnuts and caramel. The palate is rich, creamy and voluminous with an acidity that cuts through the volume like a knife through butter. The finish contains velvety oak tannins that seem to float within a creamy texture. Flavors of crème brûlée, stone fruit and plantains persist on the palate.

**YEAR:**

**2014**

**BLEND:**

**100% Chardonnay**

**APPELLATION:**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**VINEYARD:**

**White Bluffs**

**WINEMAKER:**

**Joe Hudon**

**Alcohol 13.9%, Total Acid 6.1 g/L, pH 3.72**

**Barrel-fermented 50% French 50% American oak**

**Released May 2016**

**WINEMAKER NOTES:**

Fermentation occurred in 50% American and 50% French neutral oak barrels until dry. Once the wine completed fermentation sulfur dioxide was added to inhibit Malolactic fermentation. This promotes varietal character in that the crisp apple and citrus notes are retained. Lees stirring also known as batonnage occurred every 2 weeks and the wines were topped each time the barrels were stirred. After 18 months of maturation the blend was chosen from the best barrels that showed increased complexity and vibrancy.



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