



HISTORY



- 1983 Joel Klein, previously head of winemaking at Ste. Michelle Vintners, establishes Snoqualmie Winery. He teams up with David Wyckoff of Coventry Vale and Snoqualmie wines are produced at Coventry Vale's custom crush facility in Grandview, WA.
- 1984 Snoqualmie's first white wines – Riesling, Chenin Blanc, Gewürztraminer, Semillon, and Muscat Canelli – are released.
- 1985 Snoqualmie's first red wines – Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot – are released.
- Snoqualmie Winery's new tasting room opens in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.
- 1986 Joel Klein finds new investors and moves his base of operations to F.W. Langguth Winery in Mattawa, WA.
- 1987 Joel Klein leaves Snoqualmie. Mike Januik becomes winemaker.
- 1990 Mike Januik leaves Snoqualmie for Chateau Ste. Michelle.
- 1991 Ste. Michelle Wine Estates (formally Stimson Lane Vineyards & Estates) purchases Snoqualmie Winery.
- Joy Andersen becomes Snoqualmie's winemaker.
- 1994 Snoqualmie's first vintage of Cabernet-Merlot is released. The wine is awarded the only gold medal in its category at the 1994 Pacific Northwest Food and Wine Festival.
- 1995 The 1994 Chardonnay and 1994 Fumé Blanc, both made by Joy Andersen, are released. These are the first new vintages of the two varieties since 1990.
- 1997 Snoqualmie introduces a new, two-piece label design incorporating its namesake mountain range in the art and cut of the label.
- 1998 Snoqualmie introduces Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and Reserve Merlot. These wines earn Gold and Silver medals, respectively, at the Tri-Cities Wine Competition.
- 2000 Snoqualmie expands its portfolio to include Chardonnay, Syrah, Cabernet-Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, and the two reserve wines. A Johannisberg Riesling, White Riesling, Semillon-Chardonnay and Semillon Blanc are distributed in Northwest states only.
- Snoqualmie re-launches as Snoqualmie Vineyards and expands to nationwide distribution. A winery website, Snoqualmie.com, is launched.
- 2001 Facility and property is purchased for the future home of Snoqualmie Vineyards in Prosser, WA, opening in Fall 2002 for winemaking and Spring 2003 for visitors and wine tasting.

- 2002 Snoqualmie introduces first Reserve Syrah
The new winemaking facility in Prosser is open in time for harvest.
- 2003 Snoqualmie introduces new wines including the Winemaker's Select Riesling, made in a sweeter, richer, more Germanic style than the previous Johannisberg Riesling.
Snoqualmie Winery opens its new Prosser tasting room to visitors in September.
- 2004 Snoqualmie introduces the first wines – a Riesling and Gewurztraminer - in its new “Naked” program of wines made from certified organically grown grapes.
The 2001 Reserve Syrah receives 90+ scores from major publications including the *Wine Advocate*, *Wine Spectator*, *Wine Enthusiast*, *Wine & Spirits*, and *Wine News*.
- 2005 *Wine Enthusiast* names the 2004 Winemaker's Select Riesling #29 on its “Top 100 Best Buys of 2005” list.
- 2006 *Wine Enthusiast* names the 2004 Sauvignon Blanc #39 on its “Top 100 Best Buys of 2006” list.
Snoqualmie introduces new labels featuring hometown Eastern Washington images created by Washington artist Brian Sostrom. The 2004 vintages of Columbia Valley Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay are the first wines to release in the new packaging.
- 2008 *Wine & Spirits* names Snoqualmie Vineyards as one of the “Value Brands of the Year.”
Snoqualmie adds Merlot, its first red wine, to the Naked line of wines made from organically grown grapes.
- 2009 2007 Columbia Valley Chardonnay is named to *Wine Enthusiast's* list of “Top 100 Best Buys of 2009.”
Market Watch awards Snoqualmie a “Hot Prospect Brand Award.”
- 2010 2008 Columbia Valley Chardonnay is named to *Wine Enthusiast's* list of “Top 100 Best Buys of 2010.”
- 2011 2008 Whistle Stop Red Cabernet-Merlot blend is awarded Gold medals and “Best in Show” designations at the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits* competitions.
The *Wine Spectator* names the 2009 Columbia Valley Chardonnay a “Biggest Bargain in High Production Wines,” and the 2010 Winemaker's Select Riesling makes the *Spectator's* list of “Recommended Wines from Washington: Top Values.”
- 2012 2009 Columbia Valley Chardonnay is rated “Very Good” and recognized in the wine category by *Consumer Reports*. It also made *Wine Spectator's* list of the “Best of the West for \$25 or Less.”
- 2013 The Snoqualmie tasting room closes, with the winery's operations remaining in Eastern Washington. Snoqualmie wines continue to sell online and nationally at retailers and restaurants.
Snoqualmie's Naked wines become part of a new lineup called ECO. Snoqualmie also introduces redesigned labels to better reflect the winery's heritage, and the ECO wines feature new lightweight, recycled bottles to enhance the winery's commitment to sustainability.
- 2016 Snoqualmie implements new, eco-friendly capsules as part of its sustainable wine packaging. The capsules reduce CO₂ emission due to the bio-based polyethylene (PE) that are produced with sugar cane and water-based inks, instead of using oil and solvent.