

TWO VINES

COLUMBIA•CREST

2009 CHARDONNAY

GROWING SEASON

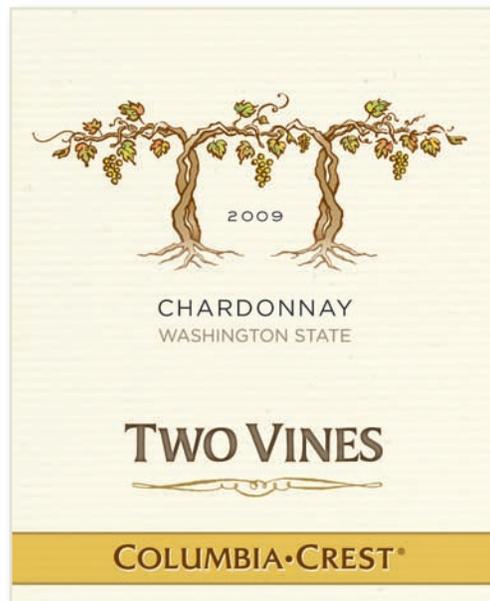
- ▶ The growing season was perfect with dry, warm weather and lots of sunshine.
- ▶ Although bloom was delayed slightly by cool spring weather, warm temperatures soon returned and perfect ripening weather lasted through September.
- ▶ A freeze in the Columbia Valley on the night of October 10th led to a slightly early end to the harvest season. However most grapes were already picked or had already reached a good level of maturity.
- ▶ Overall the 2009 vintage produced white wines with lots of natural acidity and fruit-forward flavors.

VINYARDS

- ▶ Prime vineyards were selected from some of Washington state's cooler growing areas for Columbia Crest's Two Vines Chardonnay.
- ▶ Chardonnay grapes were picked at the peak of ripeness, with the perfect balance of flavor, sugar, and acid.
- ▶ Vineyards are seated east of the Cascade Mountain range. Up to 14,000 feet high, the mountains effectively block eastward-moving wet weather systems from the Pacific Ocean.
- ▶ Just 6 to 8 inches of rainfall reach the growing region annually. Vineyards are 100% drip irrigation.
- ▶ The soils have low fertility and low water-holding capacity, allowing precise control of vine growth patterns.
- ▶ Vines are planted north to south on south and southeast facing slopes.

VINIFICATION

- ▶ Whole-berry Chardonnay was pressed and cold-settled for two days.
- ▶ Stainless steel fermentation captured the intensely fruity aromatics.
- ▶ Malolactic fermentation and oak aging for six months occurred in 20% of the lots.



APPELLATION	▶ Washington State
FIRST HARVEST DATE	▶ September 19, 2009
FERMENTATION	▶ 14-20 days with Prise de Mousse, Burgoblanc and NT116 yeasts
ALCOHOL	▶ 13.5%
TOTAL ACIDITY	▶ 0.57 g/100mL
PH	▶ 3.57

TASTING NOTES

This lighter style Chardonnay opens with aromas of freshly sliced apples and pears. Vibrant orchard fruit flavors are accented by hints of citrus and toasty oak ending with a juicy, crisp finish. Intended for immediate enjoyment, this Chardonnay captures the varietal intensity indicative of wines from Washington state.