

2013 Columbia Valley Chenin Blanc

Kiona Vineyards and Winery's 2013 Chenin Blanc represents our 33rd vintage with the varietal. Since our inaugural release in 1980, it has been one of our favorites.

Perhaps no other wine is as universally cherished in our tasting room as Chenin Blanc. It transcends preferences for white or red and sweet or dry; everyone loves it. If visitors like wine enough to visit our tasting room, they enjoy our Chenin Blanc.

The grape is relatively obscure here in the new world, where better-known varietals like Chardonnay and Riesling have risen to prominence. We have found that when given the chance to try the wine, most are surprised that it is not more widely produced.

Some of the world's best food pairing wines are made with Chenin Blanc in the Vouvray region of France's Loire Valley. While our region is considerably more arid, the wines still exhibit fantastic pair-ability. Pacific Northwest seafood is a particularly well-suited pairing with Chenin Blanc made in this style.

All of the fruit comes from our Kiona Estate vineyard on Red Mountain, a sub-region of the Columbia Valley. With an average vine age of over 30 years, the grapes offer a deeply textured and nuanced flavor profile.

We aim for a crisp, clean, refreshing off-dry style with our Chenin Blanc. The 2013 vintage is a touch drier than year's past, punching in at 1.1% residual sugar. We cold-fermented this wine in stainless steel tanks for a slight frizzante on the finish, a touch that accentuates the bright acidity Chenin Blanc is renowned for. This delightful offering surprises many with its versatility and drinkability, traits we have enjoyed for over three decades.

- JJ Williams

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VINEYARDS

2013
CHENIN BLANC

COLUMBIA VALLEY, WA

ALC. BY VOL. 12.8%

Appellation

Columbia Valley, WA

Vineyard Sources

100% Kiona Estate, Red Mountain WA

Varietal Composition

100% Chenin Blanc

Barrel Treatment

N/A - 100% stainless steel

Case Production

834 cases, 12 x 750 mL, bottled 11/08/2013

Technical Data

Ph - 3.40

TA - 0.982

Alcohol - 12.2%

Residual Sugar - 1.1%