

COLUMBIA CREST UNOAKED CHARDONNAY 2021/\$11.99



DESCRIPTION

An important winegrowing

state increasingly recognized for its high quality reds and whites, Washington ranks second in production in the U.S. after California. Washington wines continue to gain well-deserved popularity as they garner higher and higher praise from critics and consumers alike.

Washington winemakers draw inspiration mainly from Napa Valley, Bordeaux and the Rhône as well as increasingly from other regions like Spain and Italy. Most viticulture takes place on the eastern side of the state—an arid desert in the rain shadow of the Cascade mountains. Irrigation is made possible by the Columbia River. Temperatures are extreme, with hot and dry summers and cold winters, during which frost can be a risk.

Washington's wine industry was initially built on Merlot, which remains an important variety to this day, despite having been overtaken in acreage planted by Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Bordeaux blends and Rhône blends are common as well as single varietal bottlings. Washington reds tend to express a real purity of concentrated fruit. The best examples have a bold richness, seamless texture, plush or powdery tannins and flavors such as licorice, herb, forest floor, espresso and dark chocolate.

In terms of white wine from Washington state, Riesling is the state's major success story, producing crisp, aromatic examples with plenty of stone fruit that range from bone dry to lusciously sweet. Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc perform nicely here as well, and Viognier is beginning to pick up steam.

Founded in 1982, Columbia Crest was the very first winery in the famed Horse Heaven Hills AVA in eastern Washington state. Since then, the unwavering passion for crafting wines of outstanding quality has earned more 90+ Point bottles than any other U.S. winery from Wine Spectator. The legacy is built with every harvest, honoring the rich heritage of Washington wine in every bottle.

Aptly named after the highest peak on Mount Rainier, Columbia Crest represents the pinnacle of Washington State wine. From the vineyard to the glass, Columbia Crest wines are an extraordinary expression of craftsmanship, delivering a steadfast promise with each bottle – world-class wines from a world-class wine region.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Aromas of lemon zest, white flowers, and Granny Smith apple.

Palate:

This Chardonnay is fermented in stainless steel, revealing a pure expression of the varietal-crisp citrus flavors, lovely acidity, and silky textures.

Pairing:

Perfect pairing with Thanksgiving dinner!

Winery Website:

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