

PHELPS CREEK VINEYARDS COLUMBIA GORGE CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER

Alexandrine Roy & Bill Swain

WINE REGION

Oregon, USA

STORY

Located in the heart of Hood River, Oregon along the Columbia Gorge River, Phelps Creek Vineyards is a small boutique winery focusing on estate grown Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varietals, annually producing 5,000 cases of wine in total. Bob Morus founded and serves as President and Director of Winegrowing for Phelps Creek Vineyards. He moved to Hood River in 1989 with the expressed goal of raising both wine grapes and kids. Today, his children are all grown up and the established estate vineyard consists of 34 acres of breathtaking vines. Alexandrine Roy joined us from Burgundy, France as Director of Winemaking.

VINEYARD

The oldest vines of Pinot Noir were planted in 1990, adding a block of Dijon clone Chardonnay two years later. Over the years they have expanded the vineyards and now nurture 34 acres (25 Acres of Pinot Noir, 4.5 acres of Chardonnay and 1/2 acre of Pinot Gris). In addition to their estate fruit, they experiment with growing “alternative whites” just across the Columbia River on Underwood Mountain. This Chardonnay combines estate Dijon clone fruit with Wente clone Chardonnay grown on Washington’s Underwood Mountain. Both vineyards are within eyesight of each other across the Columbia River. The cool climate cultivation results in beautiful acid balance. The volcanic soils add spice and mineral elements.

VINIFICATION

Vinification follows traditional Burgundian methods. The wine is fermented in French Oak barrels, 15% New.

TASTING NOTES

A ready to drink wine, with a light yellow and gold hue, aromas of citrus, apple and white melon. The palate is sharp in acidity, balancing the subtle notes of Oak. A well rounded, balanced wine.

FOOD PAIRING

Chilled asparagus salad, light hard cheeses, or with grilled seafood or battered calamari.

QUICK FACTS

VARIETY

100% Chardonnay

AGING

Oak

FARMING

Organic & Biodynamic Practices

PRODUCTION

420 Cases

OTHER WINES FROM THIS ESTATE

Columbia Gorge Pinot Noir

Columbia Gorge Sauvignon Blanc

