



Chardonnay 2016

Technical Information:

Appellation	VQA Creek Shores
Vineyard(s)	88% Viscek Vineyard, 12% June's Vineyard
Varietal(s)	100% Chardonnay
Brix at Harvest	21.4
Alcohol Content	13%
Residual Sugar	3 grams/Litre
Total Production	266 cases of 12

TASTING NOTES

Fresh and fruity with notes of pineapple and passionfruit supported by soft, toasty oak. Medium-bodied on the palate with tropical fruit flavours and notes of caramel. The finish is long with savoury notes refreshing the palate.

Serve chilled with rich creamy pasta dishes or chicken with mushroom sauce. Let the glass warm up a bit for further complexities to develop.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for our Chardonnay 2016 come from our neighbor Lado Viscek's vineyard as well as our estate June's Vineyard, both located in the Creek Shores sub-appellation. Both were harvested in late September and immediately crushed and fermented. Those from Viscek Vineyard were fermented and aged in French oak barrels of a variety of sizes (225L, 400L and 500L) and a variety of ages, averaging 10% new oak. The grapes from June's Vineyard were fermented and aged in stainless steel. After rigorous tasting, Jean-Pierre Colas decided on the final blend and bottled the wine in early August 2017 following light fining and filtration.

VINTAGE NOTES

The winter of 2015/2016 was thankfully mild after the deep freezes of the previous two, yet a cool spring delayed bud-burst. Once the summer finally started it was warm, sunny and almost draught-like. Luckily light rain in August refreshed the parched vines. Harvest started with Pinot and Chardonnay for sparkling on September 8th and continued with other whites and light reds. The beautiful weather lasted well into the fall, allowing for long hang time for Cabernet Sauvignon. All grapes came in clean and disease-free with little need for sorting. Overall yields were moderate to high with very high quality throughout. The wines are characterized by both freshness and structure across the portfolio, with potential for enjoyable early consumption or the opportunity to cellar wines for the medium-to-long-term.

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