



2013 Prelude

Washington State AVA | 360 Cases Produced

Vineyards

Alder Ridge is the most breathtakingly picturesque of our vineyards. Atop a 1000 ft cliff alongside the Columbia River and on steep, south-facing slopes, this spot receives only 5 inches of rainfall per year. At 800 acres, it is the biggest vineyard we work with. It lines the border between Oregon and Washington on the Washington side about 15 miles from Patterson and near... nothing. It is one of the most remote sites in Washington, which is to say, the nation.

Antoine Creek is our farthest vineyard, but worth the drive. The vineyard sits just outside of the Lake Chelan AVA but inside of the Columbia Valley AVA. It is more northern than most of the vineyards we work with. Due to its lack of intense heat spikes, this site produces fruit with great structure and ageing potential.

Winemaking

Fermented in half stainless steel and half neutral French barrels, we control malolactic fermentation to ensure bright, natural acidity. The Roussanne from Alder Ridge is structured, round and lush without being over the top. Viognier from Antoine Creek provides floral aromatics and a backbone of acid. Perfect with fresh foods and fish but equally enjoyable on its own.

Tasting Notes

68% Roussanne, 32% Viognier. Prelude is our overture to you. A departure from the rest of our portfolio, with our red blend interlude at its counterpart, half fermented in stainless steel and half in neutral French oak. It is a beautiful wine with bright flavors, aromatic with hints of tropical flower and lychee make way for a clean and bright palate of just-ripened stone fruits leading into a long, lingering finish.