

Waters

2015 PRELUDE WASHINGTON STATE

• 92 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST 'EDITORS CHOICE'

VINEYARDS •

• **Alder Ridge Vineyard** was planted originally in 1996 by Jeff Hill on his family homestead. This mature 7.5- acre vineyard is near the foothills of the Blue Mountains of Walla Walla. The soils are composed of basalt cobbles, deep silt loam, and sandy loam. At almost 1,000 feet elevation, picking in the fall tends to be later than most other Walla Walla vineyards.

• **Antoine Creek Vineyard** located just outside Lake Chelan and is a cool site which has become known as the Viognier vineyard of WA State that captures intoxicating aromatics with an overall complexity, that makes for a classic Northern Rhône white.

WINEMAKER NOTES •

"A perfect mix of the deep canyon colder region of Lake Chelan with the warmer Alder Ridge Roussanne. Antoine Creek (Lake Chelan) provided the backbone of natural acid. We fermented each lot half in stainless steel, half in neutral French oak while controlling malo-lactic conversion for a brighter/fresher acidity while restricting the buttery overtones that come with full malo, thus leaving a pure floral and citrus aromatic."

- Jamie Brown, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES •

"The aromas pop with perfumed notes of flowers, pear and peach, along with light herb and spice grace notes. Palate coating, it brings a sense of gravitas and delight. It's fruitful and flavorful, offering richness while retaining its deftness, with a sense of texture that is knee buckling."

-Sean Sullivan, Wine Enthusiast

TECHNICAL •

WINEMAKER: Jamie Brown

APPELLATION: Washington State

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

57% Alder Ridge Roussanne, 43% Antoine Creek Viognier

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.40

TOTAL ACID: 0.75

BOTTLING DATE: January 2016

CASES BOTTLED: 350 cases

CELLARING: Drink now until 2022

PRICE • \$28

CLUB PRICES • 10% \$25.20 | 20% \$22.40 | 30% \$19.60

