

Waters

2015 Prelude Washington State AVA | 408 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.

Winemaker Notes

The 2015 vintage exhibited similar characteristics to 2014 although slightly more restrained. 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

57% Roussanne, 43% Viognier. Viognier from the cool-climate Antoine Creek meets Roussanne from blazing-hot Alder Ridge Vineyard. These varieties from two vastly different sites marry perfectly producing a complex wine that brings gravitas to flower, pear, and peach notes.

Awards/Accolades

92 Points and Editors' Choice ~ Wine Enthusiast
#3 White Wine ~ Seattle Met Magazine 2016 Top 100