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2009 Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

VINTAGE

The spring of 2009 was cooler and wetter than usual delaying bud break by a few weeks, but cool weather worries quickly subsided with the arrival of warm, dry weather in June. Temperatures continued to climb in July and stayed warm through August. Ideal weather conditions in September and into early October ripened grapes beautifully at a record pace resulting in a short, compressed harvest that wrapped up just before an unusual early fall freeze hit the Columbia Valley on October 10th.

VINEYARDS

At Januik Winery, we believe single vineyard wines should only be made when a particular site yields an exceptional wine that reflects the unique character of the vineyard. I started working with Cold Creek vineyard in 1990, and it has always been one of my favorite Chardonnay sites in the state. Perhaps more than any other vineyard in the state, this site consistently produces Chardonnay of the highest quality year after year.

WINEMAKING

Following traditional Burgundian winemaking techniques, grapes were harvested at the peak of flavor, pressed and fermented in primarily new French oak barrels. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation for added complexity and richness and was aged *sur lie* for ten months to integrate the oak and fruit before blending and bottling during the summer of 2009.

TASTING NOTES

Rich and elegant, the Cold Creek Vineyard Chardonnay is packed with creamy pear and citrus aromas. Layered with hints of vanilla and mineral flavors, the finish is bright, balanced and lingering.



ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity	0.53g/100ml
pH.....	3.45
Blend... ..	100% Chardonnay
Cases.....	600
Bottling Date.....	August 24, 2010

Mike Januik, owner/winemaker