

REVERED SERIES

SWEAR TO GOD

CHARDONNAY 2016 | APPELLATION: OKANAGAN VALLEY (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

The 2016 growing season jumped off to a fast start, and it was all the vineyard team could do to keep up with the rapidly growing vines. Thankfully, the season steadied with a cooler than usual July, which allowed for a longer hang time on the grapes to allow the flavours to develop while maintaining a bracing acidity in the fruit. Our estate grown Chardonnay was hand harvested on September 20 at 22.7° Brix, 9.03g/L TA, and pH 3.19.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Colour: Pale yellow straw

Nose: Pineapple, citrus and banana underlined with a finely integrated oak profile and a slight nuttiness.

Palate: A rounded attack of lemon zest and pear developing into a rich mouthfeel with a bright backbone of acidity through the finish. The beautifully integrated oak supports, but never overpowers the character of the wine.

Food Pairing: Roasted turkey or chicken.

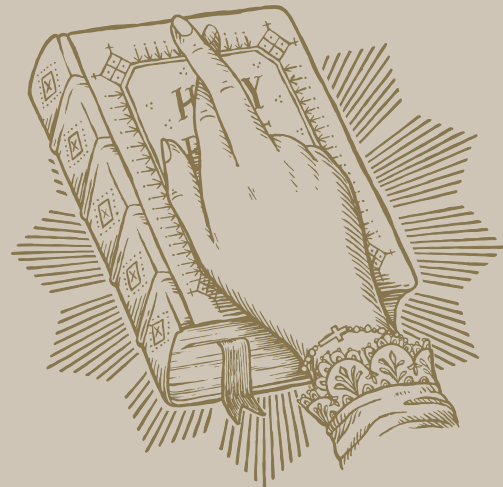
VARIETAL PROFILE

100% Chardonnay

Total acidity:	5.6g/L
Final pH:	3.55
Residual Sugar:	0.37g/L
Alcohol:	12.0%
Cases Produced:	144
CSPC:	734822

WINEMAKING

On September 20, the fruit was hand harvested and brought into the winery where it was destemmed before being pressed to tank. After settling for 24 hours, the juice was racked into six French oak barrels for fermentation, of which 17% was new. After fermentation, two of the barrels were racked into stainless steel for the aging period to build the tension in the wine. Partial malolactic fermentation helped to round out the profile while also maintaining the bright acidity to ensure a lively, fresh, and vibrant wine. The lees were stirred periodically for the first six months in barrel to help increase the mouthfeel of the wine. The wine remained on its lees for 11 months before being racked in preparation for bottling.



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