



GOOSE RIDGE

ESTATE WINERY

2010 ESTATE CHARDONNAY GOOSE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARD COLUMBIA VALLEY

GOOSE RIDGE ESTATE VINEYARDS AND WINERY is a family-owned and operated winery dedicated to limited production, handcrafted wines from select, estate-grown grapes. The Monson family's vineyard is planted on a south-facing slope in Washington's Columbia Valley adjacent to Red Mountain that consistently yields rich, ripe grapes. The family has farmed in the Columbia Valley for four decades and is known for their commitment to quality. Goose Ridge Vineyard is built on that tradition.

WINEMAKER

Acclaimed winemaker Kendall Mix has his pick of the vineyard. Fermenting and aging wines in small lots from a handful of blocks carefully selected for their exceptional character and complexity is exactly what the Monsons had in mind for Goose Ridge when they founded the winery in 1999.

VINEYARD

When the family decided to plant grapes on a sun-drenched hill adjacent to Red Mountain, they did so under the guidance of Dr. Walter Clore, considered by many the "father" of the Washington wine industry. Dr. Clore was impressed by the site's gentle, south-facing slope and the growing area's warm temperatures. He encouraged the Monsons to plant vineyard rows north-to-south to maximize sun exposure, and he also advised the family to plant the site in small blocks to facilitate estate-grown wines managed for low yields through careful pruning and thinning practices. As a result of the vineyard's attention to detail, grapes ripen evenly and the wines are consistently ripe, rich and fruit-forward.

VINTAGE

2010 temperatures were moderate throughout the growing season. This allowed the berries to mature slowly, creating a great concentration of fruit flavors reminiscent of 1999. Deficit irrigation was used to stress the vine, along with de-leafing for uniform ripening. This harvest has the potential to be a very special vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our 2010 Chardonnay was aged for 8 months in 100% French oak 57% new and 43% used.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Our 2010 Goose Ridge Chardonnay is a lovely layered wine with attributes of toasted bread, crème brûlée, apple, melon, papaya, vanilla and a slight hint of lemon zest. This wine has a pleasant viscous mouthfeel that carries on with a long lingering, spicy, toasty finish.

Kendall Mix, Winemaker

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley

BLEND: 100% Goose Ridge Estate Chardonnay

TA: .60 g/100ml

pH: 3.69

ALCOHOL: 13.7

