



# GOOSE RIDGE

ESTATE WINERY

## 2008 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 Charlie Hoppes 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

2008 was extremely hot early in the year into July. August cooled to the mid 80's and created nearly perfect growing conditions. The canopy was leaf stripped to allow for irrigation stress and to control crop size. We thinned the fruit to give uniformity and flavor concentration.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2008 Chardonnay is rich and smooth with aromas of pear, apple and citrus. Aged for 12 months in new French oak barrels, notes of butterscotch and caramel blend with toasty vanilla and baking spice.

*Charlie Hoppes*  
Consulting Winemaker

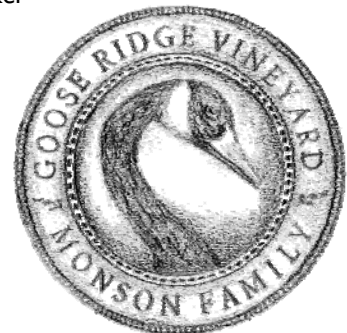
**APPELLATION:** Columbia Valley

**BLEND:** 100% Goose Ridge Estate Chardonnay

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 0.55

**pH:** 3.80

**ALCOHOL:** 14.8



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