



## 2013 Wild Yeast Chardonnay



**PASSION** pas·sion [ pāsh'n ] noun 1. A strong affection or enthusiasm for an object, concept, etc. (A passion for wine)

**PHILOSOPHY** phi·los·o·phy [ fi lössäfee ] noun 1. A set of ideas or beliefs relating to a particular field or activity; an underlying theory (Our philosophy on wine)

What happens when passion in perfect harmony in wine? search for perfection perfection is Winemaker Select opportunity to and creative desire perfection. These artisan philosophy unique varietals and coupled with fermentation, aging and adoration of the process and result. We invite you to celebrate our passion and wine philosophy poured into every glass! Cheers!



and philosophy come together KestrelVintner's Our passion demands the even though we realize unattainable. The Series is Kestrel's exhibit this passion to strive for wines express our regarding the use of growing techniques, experimentation of blending. From the grape experience our complete We invite you to celebrate our

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**Winemakers Select Series**

WILD YEAST  
CHARDONNAY  
WASHINGTON STATE | YAKIMA VALLEY

### Vinification:

Our vineyard is unique in that our Chardonnay is the “Wente” clone, one of only a few Wente clone Chardonnay vineyards in the state. It is known for being “shy bearing” producing modest quantities of high quality fruit. It also produces a different flavor and aroma profile; while still showing pear, honeysuckle, citrus and floral notes like the “other” Chardonnay clone, the Wente clone offers hints of mineral, nutmeg, clove and a slight Muscat note.

### Winemaker's Notes:

All the fruit was hand picked and gently whole cluster pressed. Upon settling for two days, the clear juice was racked directly to new French oak barrels and allowed to ferment with wild yeasts, naturally present on the grapes or in the environment. The young wine was aged on the yeast sediment for ten months, where it underwent the process of Sur Lie, stirring bi-weekly. It was filtered upon bottling.

This is a powerful and particularly well balanced Chardonnay. It boasts a rich mineral element, is full bodied, with oak that is present but not overpowering. This creates a wine bursting with green apple, lemon, honeysuckle, and the characteristic, Kestrel minerality. I feel that this is an exceptional Chardonnay, made in the tradition of the old world.

**Blend:** 100% Chardonnay

**Vineyard Source:** 100% Kestrel View Estate Vineyard

**Food Pairings:** Corn & Bacon Salad with mixed greens, crumbled goat cheese & white wine vinaigrette.

*The unique Wente clone shows hints of mineral, nutmeg & Muscat, along with pear, honeysuckle, citrus & floral notes.*

“I MAKE WINE FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MONDAYS.”

– Flint Nelson, winemaker

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