



2009 Fidelitas Columbia Valley Semillon

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TASTING NOTES

The Fidelitas Semillon is a beautiful wine that is soft and well-rounded yet crisp and bright. A brilliant hay hue, this wine offers aromas of golden apple, meyer lemons, chamomile and freshly cut grass. The lush, full palate provides hints of ripe pears, lemon zest and white flowers set within a viscous body and refreshing acidity. Enjoy through 2015.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Semillon

VINEYARD

Stillwater Creek is a family owned vineyard that was first planted in 2000 with 80 acres of red grapes. The vineyard lies in the central part of the Columbia Valley on steep, south-facing slopes. Sandy, silty soils, with up to a 22% grade in some areas of the vineyard provide excellent drainage and forces the vines to really struggle, creating complex, flavorful grapes.

VINTAGE

The 2009 vintage began with a cool, wet spring that delayed bud break until later than usual. By June, the weather became warm and dry, and continued to warm through the summer. July and August showed some hot temperatures causing rapid but consistent ripening, providing round flavors in the grapes. Overall, the growing season was warm and favorable, with a very quick harvest at the end and early freeze just after the grapes were off the vines.

VINIFICATION and AGING

All the fruit for this Semillon was hand picked and sorted in the vineyard. Upon arrival at the winery, the fruit was destemmed, then whole-cluster pressed to tank, and allowed to settle. The settled juice was transferred to barrels and inoculated with yeast. Primary fermentation was 20 days in length prior to sur lies aging for eight months in small, French oak barrels.

PAIRINGS

The combination of a full body and crisp acidity make this Semillon a natural pairing for a variety of foods. This wine would hold up to a variety of spicier dishes including saucy barbequed prawns or blackened halibut tacos. Try with other, more refreshing dishes such as ceviche or avocado and grapefruit salad.

RELEASE DATE

May 2011, 361 cases

ALCOHOL

13.7% alcohol by volume

