

2015 Chenin Blanc Columbia Valley

18.5/20 points, Best Buys of Summer - Rand Sealey's
Review of Washington Wines, May 2016

"This white shows a brilliant greenish gold color and an intriguing nose of Jonathban apple, Crenshaw melon, quince and lime, with scents of honeysuckle, clover and lemongrass. The flavors are fresh and vibrant with notes of grape skin, melon rind and saline minerals. On the back, sensations of Calvados brandy, recurring quince berries and key lime emerge, followed by a crisp, lightly spiced (cardamom, clove) finish. This wine is a steal." – Rand Sealey

Outstanding, Best Buy - Great Northwest Wine, July 2016,
www.greatnorthwestwine.com

"A generation ago, Chenin Blanc was a variety that produced cherished wines along the West Coast. Fortunately, Marty Clubb has remained an ardent champion of this grape native to the Loire Valley, and he continues to secure contracts with four venerable vineyards in the Yakima Valley. Phil Church, Rothrock, Upland and Willard Farms each contribute to this bottling Chenin Blanc from vines planted in the 1970s, making this a legitimate "old vines" project done in a Vouvray style since 1987. Fanciful aromas of fruit cocktail, lemon pudding, peach taffy and sugar cane also pick up sweet herbal notes. However, the drink is presented deliciously dry and clean, loaded with fleshy orchard tree fruit flavors akin to white peach and Jonagold apple. Bright acidity, a hint of nectarine skin and minerality come together for a long finish. Enjoy with tuna, salmon, roasted chicken, pork and summertime salads. – Andy Perdue and Eric Degerman

Medals & Competitions

Gold – Seattle Wine Awards, 2016

Silver – Cascadia Wine Competition, 2016