

2018 Chardonnay Columbia Valley

92 points, TOP 100 WINES OF 2019, Washington Wine Blog, www.WashingtonWineBlog.com, October 2019

"The 2018 'Columbia Valley' Chardonnay follows the excellent long line of releases by L'Ecole. Nutmeg infused sourdough bread and shades of ripe pear that round out the beautiful aromatics in the wine. The soft texture greets you as the wine shows a seamless quality that runs through the wine on the palate. Seriously good right now, this will age well for a decade, picking up tertiary notes as it develops. Drink 2019-2026." – Dr. Owen Bargreen

89 points, Wine Enthusiast, www.winemag.com, December 2019

"Enchanting aromas of lemon, sweet spice, lees and green apple lead to rounded flavors that show a sense of balance and restraint. It's a spot-on example of the variety and a superb value." – Sean Sullivan

89 points, Wine Advocate, www.robertparker.com, May 2020

"With an open nose of oak aromas, peaches and pineapple, the 2018 Columbia Valley Chardonnay has apples and citrus blossoms that waft from the glass. Medium-bodied, the palate has a focused and classic expression of ripe tropical and citrus fruits that are balanced by oak and notes of freshly buttered banana bread. The wine ends with a pleasing and lingering finish. This is a great value. It's certainly worth the price of admission. 530 cases produced." – Anthony Mueller

Excellent, Great Northwest Wine Blog, www.greatnorthwestwine.com, April 2020

"The Walla Walla wine industry's historic schoolhouse pulls from four vineyards in cooler sites across the state — including famous Evergreen in the Ancient Lakes and Stillwater Creek in the Frenchman Hills — for the Clubb family's flagship Chardonnay. The three-week early-morning harvest for this bottling spent six months on the lees in predominantly neutral French oak, which leads to aromas of butterscotch and light toast with lemon oil and hominy. The theme on the palate is pleasantly bright, juicy and food-friendly with hints of pear pie and lemon, backed by a dash of white pepper, a nibble of apple skin and a dusting of classic Ancient Lakes minerality." – Eric Degerman

Medals & Competitions

Silver – Great Northwest Invitational Wine Competition, 2019

Silver – SIP Magazine Best of the Northwest, 2019

Silver – Rodeo Uncorked, 2020