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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

## 2019 Chardonnay, Evergreen Vineyard Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley

**19/20 (95) PTS, BEST BUYS 2020**

***Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines*** - November 2020

Brilliant lemon-gold colored, this Chardonnay possesses floral aromas of apple, white peach and grapefruit, with scents of apple blossoms, acacia flowers and white incense. The flavors are fresh and lively yet well textured, with notes of grape and apple skins, peach stones and caliche minerals. The back picks up Calvados and pêche liqueurs and touches of hazelnut, pain grillé and lees, followed by a lingering, persistently mineral finish.

**89 PTS**

***Vinous, Stephen Tanzer*** - December 2020

Bright light-medium yellow. Much more minerally and perfumed on the nose than the straight Columbia Valley Chardonnay, offering scents of pear, peach, dusty stone, white pepper, spices and spring flowers; a riper orange blossom note emerged with extended aeration. Bracing on entry, then tightly wound, lightly saline and understated on the palate, with lemon and lime zest flavors dominating. There's a firm edge of citrusy acidity here but the wine does not go sharp or sour. Still, I wanted a bit more texture, sweetness and give. I can easily see this holding for at least another four years, but will it expand? (this fruit was picked with a 3.19 pH and 11.5 g/l acidity but finished at 3.9 pH and 5.7 acidity following full malolactic fermentation).