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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2021 Chenin Blanc 'Old Vines' Yakima Valley

18.5/20 (93) PTS, "BEST BUY"

Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wine - May 2022

Produced from vines planted in the 1970's this presents a brilliant lemon-gold color and floral aromas of pear, peach, honeydew melon, citrus, pear blossoms, jasmine, clover, and spiced white incense. The flavors are fresh and vibrant, with yellow fruits that are accented by grape and pear skins and saline minerals. The back picks up poire and pêche liqueurs on the way to a nicely fruited lightly spiced finish.

Value Wine of the Week

paulwine.com, Paul Gregutt - April 2022

Genuine old vine Chenin Blanc is a vanishing treasure, as I know of no new NW plantings of the grape other than a couple of tiny patches in the Willamette Valley. It's my belief that the nuanced floral aromas and delicate accents of fruit and flowers are best found in vines at least 30 years old. The three vineyards used here date back to 1979! This is young and sharp, with citrus flesh and oil and herbal accents. The odds are it will evolve beautifully, as Chenins do in the Loire, over the next decade or longer. At any price it's a treasure; at this price it's a steal.