

# BALBOA

## 2016 CHARDONNAY

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### Tasting Notes

Expressive aromas of ripe stone fruits, oyster shell, apple blossom and meyer lemon. The palate shows flavors of tropical fruits, light barrel notes, granny smith apple and flinty minerality.

### Production Notes

Our first Chardonnay sourced exclusively from Celilo Vineyard in the Columbia Gorge. As a cooler site, Celilo Vineyard is known for elegance, balanced fruit flavors and bright natural acidity.

### Vineyards

- Celilo Vineyard, Columbia Gorge — original plantings in 1972, making it one of the oldest Chardonnay vineyards in Washington State — is a Dry-Farmed Vineyard, ranging from 800-1200' of elevation

### Winemaking

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Picked early in the morning
- Whole cluster pressed to stainless steel to settle out solids
- Fermentation took place in neutral French Oak barrels, with 25% New
- Full malolactic fermentation in oak
- The wine was aged sur lie for 6 months, 15 months total aging
- Cross-flow filtration prior to bottling

### Vintage

- Warm springtime temperatures lead to early bud break
- Moderate early summer temperatures allowed for ideal bloom and fruit set
- Cooler than average temperatures continued allowing fruit to ripen gradually, leading to lower sugars and higher natural acidity
- These cooler temperatures extended the growing season for optimal flavor development across all varieties
- Harvest started on September 2nd and continued into mid-October

The Balboa logo is rendered in a large, bold, red, distressed font with a slight shadow effect, set against a white background within a black-bordered box.

CHARDONNAY  
2016  
CELILLO VINEYARD  
COLUMBIA GORGE

### Wine Data

*Appellation*..... Columbia Gorge  
*Varietal* ..... Chardonnay  
*Composition* ..... 100% Chardonnay  
*Vineyard* ..... Celilo Vineyard  
*Vintage* ..... 2016

### Technical Notes

*pH* ..... 3.62  
*Total Acidity* ..... 6.1 g/L  
*Alcohol*..... 13.9%  
*Harvest Date*..... September 27, 2016  
*Bottling Date* ..... February 22, 2018  
*Production* ..... 85 cases