

LONE BIRCH

2018 Chardonnay



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Style:

This wine is handcrafted in a balanced, approachable style that showcases the quality of fruit from Washington State.

Vineyard Source:

All of the Lone Birch Wines are sourced from fruit from our 830 acre estate vineyard located in the Yakima Valley. Our vineyard site offers a long 190 day growing season, which allows for slow, steady fruit maturation. The warm days and the cool nights provided by the high desert environment allow the vines to produce exceptional balance with ripe fruit flavors and plenty of natural acidity.

Vintage:

The 2018 vintage was characteristic of Washington State with a mild winter and very hot summer. Temperatures in March and April were slightly above average, leading to bud break mid-April. A warm spring provided perfect growing conditions for the vines. Our meticulous viticultural practices allowed us to manage vigorous growth throughout the season so the plants reached optimal crop yield goals for each block. The hot summer allowed grapes to reach full maturity and ripeness levels far exceeding anything we saw in 2017 or 2016. White grape varieties received significant sun exposure creating bountiful aromatics with balanced acidity. The red grape varieties made wines that are luxurious with dark fruit aromas and silky tannins. The 2018 vintage will be one to enjoy for many years to come.

Winemaking:

The goals for this wine were fruit-focused aromatics and crisp acidity. This style is best achieved in a stainless steel tank to preserve fruitiness. The winemaking begins with a pre-sort to ensure only ideal clusters are vinified. After this, the grapes go straight to press as whole clusters. The juice is pumped to tank where it is settled for 48 hours before racking to a new tank to start fermentation. The wine is fermented to the desired dryness and then SO₂ is added. After racking off the yeast, the wine is heat and cold stabilized, filtered, and bottled under screw caps.

Tasting Notes:

A bouquet of honeysuckle and melon leads to a crisp, dry, and refreshing palate with flavors of zesty lemon and pear.

Enological Data:

Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.52
Total Acidity	6.5 g/L
Cases Production	2,691 cases

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