

Helix

2023 chardonnay

STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD, ROYAL SLOPE

TASTING NOTES

Fermented in stainless steel to express the purity of the grape's delicate flavor profile, revealing gorgeous scents of orchard blossoms, Asian pear, banana peel and yellow apple. The palate delivers a slightly unctuous-creamy mouthfeel and excellent acidity with flavors of young mango and pineapple, with ripe Asian pear and a hint of banana.

THE 2023 VINTAGE

2023 was an excellent year for Chardonnay. Despite a cool start, the growing season brought intense flavors, even ripening, and concentration. Starting at least three weeks later than usual, it is one of the earliest harvests Washington state has experienced in recent years. Low yields and ideal growing temperatures boosted perfect ripening, with grapes achieving beautiful physiological maturity with vibrant character, color, and aromatics.

THE VINEYARD

Stillwater Creek Vineyard is a 235-acre site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills, located in Washington's newest AVA: the Royal Slope. Planted in 2000, Stillwater Creek has quickly earned a reputation as one of the Columbia Valley's top vineyards.

In March 2007, Stillwater Creek was the first Columbia Valley vineyard certified "Salmon Safe" by Seattle's Stewardship Partners for environmental practices that help protect water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, particularly Northwest salmon.

THE AVA

The Columbia Valley is the overarching appellation in Eastern Washington, covering nearly a third of the State and accounting for 99% of Washington's wine grape production.

With Helix, we hope to create wines that both represent the region at large and express the distinct flavors of each vineyard.

HELIX WINES

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.



WINE DATA

Composition	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard	Stillwater Creek
Cooperage	100% stainless steel
Alcohol	13.3%
pH	3.36
Total Acidity	6.4 g/L
Bottling Date	March 2024
Release Date	May 2024
Case Production	75
Certifications	Salmon Safe

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