



2016 French Creek Vineyard Chardonnay Yakima Valley

James Suckling 90 points

Vineyard Description

French Creek Vineyard is one of Washington's oldest Chardonnay vineyards, located in the Yakima Valley AVA, roughly 10 miles west of Red Mountain. The vineyard is slightly south-facing low-elevation plain. The soil is mostly silt loam with occasional spots of clay, caliche, basalt, and river rock which equate to excellent drainage. French Creek Vineyard takes care to be sustainable and environmentally friendly. They use specific pruning/thinning techniques and in-row vegetation to their advantage, allowing the vineyard to be herbicide-free during the growing season.

Varietal(s):	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard:	100% French Creek Vineyard
Chemistry:	TA 6.5 g/L Alcohol 13.8% pH 3.59

Winemaker Notes

The 2016 French Creek Chardonnay is a blend of 64% Mt Eden clone and 36% Wente clone. Barrel fermented and aged in 50% neutral french oak, 40% stainless steel barrels and 10% new french oak from Tonnellerie Tremeaux. The 2016 Chardonnay is perfectly balanced with hints of fresh citrus and melon and slight tropical notes. Racy acidity and medium body texture fill the palate. Drink now through 2025.

Justin Wylie, winemaker