

# Helix 2016 Stillwater Creek Vineyard Chardonnay



## DESCRIPTION

“The vines fired up early in 2016 thanks to an unusually hot, dry spring, eventually leading to an early harvest. July provided a respite with cooler, wet weather that remained through the end with intermittent bursts of heat. This clear straw, colored Chardonnay presents orchard and tropical aromas laced with minerality. Its pleasing palate weight, accompanied with generous acidity, carries flavors of golden delicious apples, white pear, guava, a slice of pineapple, mineral notes of loam and basalt, and hints of wild flower honey. No oak. Pure Chardonnay.” - *Chuck Reininger, Winemaker*

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Alc.: 14.1%

TA: 7.3 g/L

Bottled: March 2017

Cooperage: Stainless Steel

pH: 3.3

VA: 0.13 g/L

Cases Produced: 195

## THE VINEYARDS

**STILLWATER CREEK** Stillwater Creek Vineyard is a 235-acre site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. Planted in 2000 on a steep, south-facing slope with one of the most diverse clone selections in Washington State, Stillwater Creek quickly has earned a reputation as one of the Columbia Valley’s top vineyards. The Stillwater Creek Chardonnay is used to produce both the Helix stainless aged whole-clustered press Chardonnay as well as the Reserve Chardonnay under the REININGER label that’s been aged in French oak. In both styles, Chuck prefers to maintain the grape’s naturally high acidity to accentuate its minerality.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Our 2016 Helix Chardonnay is the perfect white for those warm, summer gatherings on the beach and family clambakes. Try this vintage with moules frites or raw oysters on the half shell, or pair it with goat or soft cheeses on the patio.

## HELIX WINES – MORE TO EXPLORE

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.

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