

Division-Villages l'Isle Verte Chenin Blanc

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - WA

REGION: Columbia Valley - Washington

APPELLATION: Columbia Valley - Washington

CEPAGE: 100% Chenin Blanc

WINEMAKING: Like in years past, we created a pied de cuve (early native ferment) with a small number of grapes from the vineyard to build a strong yeast population from the native flora. The pressed juice was split between the heart of the press, which went directly into two puncheon (500L) barrels, with the rest being settled and fermented in neutral French oak barrels and stainless-steel barrels.

AGING: 6 months on lees in 500L & 228L neutral French oak barrels

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 147 cases

THE STORY

Division Winemaking Company is a Portland, Oregon based winery founded in 2010 by Kate Norris and Thomas Monroe. Inspired by the wineries of the Loire, Beaujolais, Burgundy and the Northern Rhone, where Kate and Thomas first learned winemaking and viticulture, Division crafts approachable and balanced wines with an emphasis on minimal manipulation in the cellar.

PHILOSOPHY: Tom and Kate are inspired by the wineries of the Loire, Beaujolais, Burgundy and the Northern Rhone. Tom and Kate like to work with well-farmed fruit from terroir-expressive vineyards to craft wines that are approachable and balanced, with as little manipulation in the cellar as possible.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Textured, honeyed, and lip-smackingly delicious

THE SELLING POINTS

SUSTAINABILITY: Minimal Intervention / Augmentation, Natural Fermentation

