

# GILBERT CELLARS

FINE WINES CRAFTED IN YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

## *Columbia Valley / Unoaked Chardonnay* *Two Thousand & Thirteen*



**BLEND :** 100% CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER:** JUSTIN NEUFELD

**PRODUCTION:** 665

**AGEING:** 3 MONTHS IN STAINLESS STEEL TANK

**ALCOHOL – 13.9% || TA – 6.3 G/L || PH – 3.60**

**BOTTLING:** FEBRUARY 13, 2014

**RELEASE:** APRIL (SCHEDULED)

**VINEYARD:** 69% NINE CANYONS || 31% DOC STEWART

**ELEVATION:** 800' || 850'

**SOIL:** NINE CANYONS Starbuck loam, with a stony, shallow layer of silt that covers a solid layer of basalt || DOC STEWART Sand 12-36" deep over a fine gravel.

**TASTING NOTES:** Pure and unabashed, our Unoaked is everything you love about the character of Chardonnay without the veil of oak. Aromas of lemon sorbet, preserved meyer lemon, and key lime pie lead the nose, with a mineral backdrop and slight undercurrent of raw cashew and almond. Ripe and round on the palate, with a solid core of acidity.

**VINIFICATION:** Fruit for this blend was harvested on September 12th, 2013. The grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed. The juice was transferred to tank and cold settled for two days at which time it was racked off the gross lees and warmed. The juice was inoculated with both ICV-D254 or CY-3079 wine yeast. It cold fermented for about 4½ weeks at the end of which it was inoculated with ML bacteria to initiate MLF. The MLF was halted after approximately 80% of malic acid was digested. The wine was heat/cold stabilized and sterile filtered prior to being bottled on February 13th, 2014.

**BACK LABEL:** The rugged summit of Gilbert Peak is as mighty as our commitment to the agricultural lands of Washington State. Five generations of family farming in the Yakima Valley have inspired us to share the unique wines that are born of this place. It is here, among wine, music and friends, that our community takes shape—nourished by the glacial waters of the Tieton River, outlined by rows of vineyards, and fed by spirited gatherings that celebrate the bounty of this beautiful landscape. Join us.

Enjoy this light and crisp Chardonnay aged in 100% stainless steel