



# ARBOR CREST

WINE CELLARS

## 2011 CHARDONNAY

Conner Lee Vineyard || Columbia Valley

### ~ ABOUT THE WINE ~

Our Conner Lee Chardonnay is a full-bodied wine with rich and concentrated fruit. The grapes were hand-picked and then hand-sorted at the winery to ensure optimum quality. Barrel fermentation and aging in new French oak creates a full-bodied, elegant wine with good balance and enticing character. This multi-dimensional wine is lush and concentrated with layers of peach, apricot and toasty oak flavors turning rich and creamy on the finish.

### ~ ABOUT THE VINTAGE ~

The 2011 growing season was quite cool initially, slowly nudging the fruit to reach flavor and structural ripeness. This created a later harvest for Arbor Crest. However, warmer weather moved in at just the right time to allow for extra hang-time and flavor development keeping the sugar to acid balance just perfect. In addition, the crop load on the vines was fairly low which yielded intense varietal character.

### ~ ABOUT THE VINEYARDS ~

The Conner Lee Vineyard is an extraordinary site that yields a low crop and extremely concentrated fruit. The deep sandy soils hold little water so we are able to control the canopy and therefore the concentration of the fruit through irrigation. The cooler site also allows for longer fruit hang-time and therefore more developed flavors with excellent fruit acidity.

### ~ FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS ~

Our Conner Lee Vineyard Chardonnay is a wonderful complement to a variety of shellfish and white fish such as halibut or swordfish. As well, the balanced acidity makes a great pairing with turkey and chicken. Enjoy!

### ~ PRODUCTION STATISTICS ~

VINTAGE 2011	SUGAR AT HARVEST 23.2 BRUX
VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% CHARDONNAY	WINE ACIDITY 6.55 G/L
APPELLATION COLUMBIA VALLEY	WINE PH 3.55
VINEYARDS CONNER LEE VINEYARD	ALCOHOL 13.5 %
RELEASE DATE MAY 2012	BARREL AGING AGED FOR 12 MO. IN NEW AND OLDER FRENCH OAK
OPTIMUM TIME FOR CONSUMPTION NOW UNTIL 2018	CASE PRODUCTION 425 CASES
HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 18, 2011	RETAIL PRICING

