SIXTO

2020 SIXTO UNCOVERED CHARDONNAY

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Charming, warm and pleasing. It issues a desire to intake and savor all that there is to offer in this bottle. Quince, apricot, bosc pear... all layered deeply with a soft undercurrent of honey suckle, striking green apple, beeswax and a crazy note of fresh baked croissants. Delicious is an understatement.... can't stop here.



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

94 Points, James Suckling

"Hazelnuts, pie crust, spiced pears, acacia honey and salted caramel here. Full-bodied, textured and full of flavor, with an almost oily texture, yet not heavy. Concentrated and generous. Drink now or hold."

92 Points, Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"Fresh and clean, with hints of delicate mineral and savory green notes, the 2020 Chardonnay Uncovered is fresh and zippy and bursts with citrus and chamomile notes. Medium to full-bodied, the wine is balanced, with a lovely mouthfeel and reveals succulent acidity and fine mineral tension before lingering with a spicy, floral finish. At this price, buy the entire case."

92 Points, Eric Guido-Vinous

"The 2020 Chardonnay Uncovered pulls me down to the earth with notes of wet stone, flowery underbrush, crushed apples and gingery spice forming its bouquet. This is pure elegance on the palate, soothing with ripe orchard fruits and sweet inner florals, as a core of vibrant acidity maintains a lovely freshness. Candied lime and hints of mint linger impossibly long, as the 2020 finishes crisply refreshing."

VINEYARDS

Frenchman Hills (37%), Roza Hills, (33%), Moxee (30%)

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Production: 2.6 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole cluster press, fermentation in 50% Concrete tank / 50% French Oak Puncheons I 18 months barrel-aged on lees in 30% new French oak puncheons

Wine Analysis: 5.3 g/L titratable acidity, 3.64 pH, 14% alcohol, no residual sugar **UPC**: 184745005008

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