
Latah Creek

WINE CELLARS

Columbia Valley

MAYWINE

2015



BACKGROUND

This wonderfully fruity wine was developed from a family recipe brought to this country years ago by a Hungarian winemaker who, years later, passed it on to Mike. Latah Creek's Maywine is slightly sweeter than the typical spring celebration German Maiwine. The 2013 vintage was a small production, due to the inability to find woodruff herbs. In 2014 there was no herbs to be found. Apparently Hungary, where they source from, was having a shortage; this was the first year ever that Latah Creek did not produce a Maywine. In the fall of 2015, a family friend was on student exchange in Germany and was able to find a company who grew woodruff herbs. After many email and phone exchanges, a package of Woodruff herbs arrived at Latah Creek on Christmas Eve. After being out of the wine for nearly a year, Latah Creek was finally able to put Maywine back onto their wine list.

VARIETAL BLEND

100% Chenin Blanc, with Woodruff Herbs and Natural Juice and Concentrate

WINEMAKING

Latah Creek has received Chenin Blanc grapes since its beginnings in 1982. The grapes have been used differently over the years, but Mike and Natalie have found that they are best used in Maywine. The 2015 vintage Chenin Blanc grapes were harvested 3-4 weeks earlier due to the extreme summer heat. The grapes were much higher in acid level than usual, but this worked perfectly since Maywine is sweeter, allowing for the wine to be fresh and not cloying. This wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks at cooler temperatures, to retain its forward fruit characteristics. The addition of natural fruit juice and concentrate give the wine a deeper fruit character and a beautiful color, while woodruff herbs add sweet grassy notes.

ANALYSIS

Harvest Data: September 22, 2015 Brix: 22.8 TA: 1.1 pH: 3.09

Alc.: 10.5% RS: 5.5 %

Bottled: February 8, 2016 | 660 cases | Released: February 2016

WINEMAKERS

Mike Conway and Natalie Conway-Barnes

TASTING NOTES

Sweet herbs and grassy nuances fill your nose, with hints of fresh citrus. Strawberry jam, green grass, and fresh hay mingle in your mouth while maraschino cherry and strawberry linger with a fresh finish.

ACCOLADES

'13 Vintage:

Bronze, Great Northwest Wine Competition 2015

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