

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

*Inspired by the greatness of one man: William Bitner Browne, grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne. Integrity and excellence are the standards upon which Browne wines are created. Browne Family is premium Washington wine, 15 years in the making before its first vintage debuted, crafted with the utmost quality and enjoyment in mind.*

“A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER.”

- Andrew Browne



## 2015 CHARDONNAY

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed even the 227,000-ton record set during the 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

### WINEMAKING

Hand selected rows from Sagemoor in Columbia Valley AVA and Canyon Vineyard Ranch in the Yakima Valley AVA are the foundation for this small production Chardonnay. The grapes were gently pressed and transferred to cooperage for fermentation. Sur lie aged for 11 months in small French oak barrels helped integrate the fruit and oak flavors and provide a rich mouth feel. Individual lots were managed separately, allowing the winemaker to identify the best lots for the final blend.

### TASTING NOTE

Slightly sweet oak and vanilla aromatics introduce this silky, viscous Chardonnay full of ripe guava and mango flavors. Finishes with toasted oak, dried fruit and a hint of lemon zest, with lovely balanced acidity.

### CELLARING

Crafted as a cellar worthy wine; enjoy now or cellar for up to ten years.

2010 – 92 POINTS, *Tasting Panel*

2012 – 91 POINTS, *Wine Spectator*

2013 – 90 POINTS, *Wine Spectator*

2015 – 88 POINTS, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*

### BLEND

97% Chardonnay,  
3% Viognier

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### GRAPE SOURCE

Sagemoor, Canyon Vineyard Ranch

### VINTAGE

2015

### WINEMAKER

John Freeman

### HARVEST DATE

Aug. 28 – Sept. 2, 2015

### YEAST

Native, Vivache, Germ ES 181

### AGED

11 months

### OAK

64% New French oak,  
36% second- to fourth-use  
white oak

### BOTTLED

August 11–15, 2016

TA PH  
5.7 g/l 3.68

ALC.  
14.32%

CASES PRODUCED  
2,715