

# 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



## 2016 CHARDONNAY

### VINTAGE NOTE

The 2016 growing season started quickly with warm temperatures across Washington, encouraging vigorous vine development. By late June, however, temperatures cooled considerably, creating optimal growing conditions for fruit maturation. In late summer, rain came to the vineyard and helped ease vine stress, while the vineyard teams worked tirelessly to ensure the canopies and fruit clusters would produce top quality grapes. White varietals will express lush tropical notes, while early ripening red varietals are well-developed with bright fruit notes. Longer-ripening red varietals, like Cabernet Sauvignon, will show more savory characteristics than in years past, making for cellar-worthy wines.

### 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 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

Buttery aromas with expressions of green apple and vanilla. Vicious, but well-balanced body, this wine is bursting with flavors of key lime, cantaloupe and Bartlett pear with a subtle hint of wet stone. Long lasting finish accented with toasted oak notes.

### CELLARING

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

2015 – **89 POINTS**, *Wine Enthusiast*

2013 – **90 POINTS**, *Wine Spectator*

2012 – **91 POINTS**, *Wine Spectator*

2010 – **92 POINTS**, *Tasting Panel*

### BLEND

96% Chardonnay,  
4% Viognier

### APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

### GRAPE SOURCE

Sagemoor, Bacchus,  
Canyon Vineyard Ranch

### VINTAGE

2016

### WINEMAKER

John Freeman

### HARVEST DATE

Sept. 14–15, 2016

### YEAST

Vivache

### AGED

10 months

### OAK

62% New French oak

### BOTTLED

July 12–14, 2017

TA PH  
5.5 g/l 3.69

ALC.  
14.3%