

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

*Inspired by the greatness of one man, William Bitner Browne, late grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne, Browne Family Vineyards is a dream that has been many years in the making. Every decision made – from the vineyard to the bottle – reflects a commitment to premium Washington State wine of uncompromising quality, assuring cellar worthy vintages that stand the test of time.*

“A TRIBUTE TO MY WINEMAKER, JOHN FREEMAN.”

*- Andrew Browne*



## 2017 SAUVIGNON BLANC

### TASTING NOTE

“Aromatics of honey and white rose lead to flavors of stone fruit, especially white nectarine. Some viscosity and balanced acid give this wine a lingering aftertaste of lime zest and graphite. Wilted spinach salad, smoked chicken or turkey salad sandwich, herb chicken, shellfish and kabobs will all pair well.”

*John Freeman*

*- John Freeman, Winemaker*

### VINTAGE NOTE

- After warmer and larger than average harvests from 2012–2016, this year’s growing season and harvest far more normal with a wet spring leading to a dry, warm summer for excellent fruit development in our vineyards.
- By harvest, our fruit was showing phenolic ripeness with balance ideal between sugar, acids, and tannin in the fruit skins. The fruit harvested will make for a fine 2017 vintage from Washington.
- Harvest began during the second week of August with the last of our Cabernet Sauvignon pulled from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula Gap and Skyfall Vineyard on November 2.

### WINEMAKING

#### HARVEST DATE

*Sept. 5–21, 2017*

#### BLEND

*100% Sauvignon Blanc*

#### AGEING

*4.5 months in stainless steel followed by 1.5 months in neutral white French oak*

TA	PH	ALC.
<i>6.4 g/l</i>	<i>3.31</i>	<i>13.8%</i>

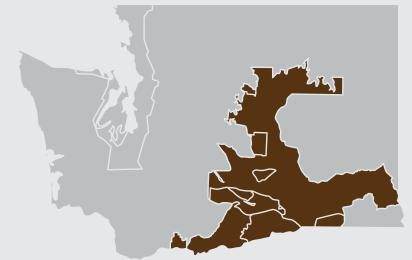
### VINEYARDS

**COLUMBIA VALLEY** • 36% *Sage Moor*, 35% *Skyfall*

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state’s sub-AVAs fall.

**YAKIMA VALLEY** • 25% *Willard*, 4% *Canyon Vineyard Ranch*

*Yakima Valley, AVA:* Known for wines with naturally bright acidity and fruity characteristics.



2014 – 90 POINTS, *Wine Spectator*