



2002 *Roza Bergé Vineyard Chardonnay*  
YAKIMA VALLEY

Located north of Sunnyside, Washington, in the central Yakima Valley, Roza Bergé Vineyard is one of the few Washington sites that contain the Wente clone. The Wente clusters display a “hen and chick” formation of large seed filled berries intermingled with small seedless berries; the diversification creates a high juice to skin and seed ratio allowing a greater extraction than other clones of chardonnay. The knarled vines were planted “own root”, ungrafted, in 1972, and are deeply rooted in loamy soil.

The 2002 Washington State vintage was the State’s best ever. Our cumulative knowledge of our winegrowing and the natural balance of acids, sugars and flavor development offered an extract and balance unlike ever before. Hand harvested on the morning of September 25, 2002, the yield was nine pounds per plant, equaling five and a half tons from two acres. The fresh juice measured 23.0 brix hydrometer, 22.2° brix refractometer, 6.0 g/L acid, and 3.37 pH. This yielded a wine of 13.2% alcohol and 3.56 pH. Whole cluster pressed the same day, we settled the juice with no other additions and moved the unprocessed raw juice to Burgundy barrels that evening. Dry two weeks later, the wine began its 100% secondary fermentation in barrel. Aged thirteen months in mature cooperage; of 11 barrels, only 2 were new. We bottled on November 21, 2003, after an organic milk fining and coarse filtration for clarity.

The Roza Bergé Vineyard chardonnay is endowed with a wonderfully silky yet firm texture. The Australian T306 yeast compliments the pear, peaches and mango flavors with fresh bread aromas. Our wines are made in a whole food style where we develop complexity through fruit intensity and vineyard expression. We offer balanced fruit-filled wines unobscured by oak. We believe our chardonnays taste best served at 55-60°F / 13-15°C. To preserve its aging potential and character this wine was stabilize at cellar temperature and was not treated further. It may develop sediment if refrigerated or stored above 90 °F.

Zelma Long of Zelphi Wines in Napa, California was our consultant on this chardonnay.

Two hundred sixty-seven cases of our Roza Bergé chardonnay were produced. The wine was released March 1, 2004.