Chatter Creek

Announcing the release of our 2000 Pinot Gris, and 1999 Alder Ridge Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

Pinot Gris 2000 \$12.00

This wine is vinted from two vineyards in the Yakima valley, Haak and Otis. Both vineyards are located in cooler areas of the valley. This is important to the development of the character for great Pinot Gris. Locations that are too hot will bring in too much over-ripe flavors and diminish the fresh flavors.

The wine is showing pear, apple and tropical fruits in the nose; mixed melons and pit fruits on the pallet. Good acidity supports the long clean finish. It continues to develop in the bottle and is sure to be at its best this summer. This wine smells of summer and goes well with 80 degrees and a sundeck.

Cabernet Sauvignon 1999

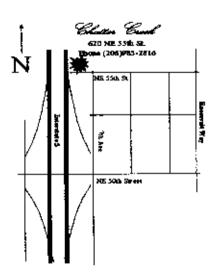
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This is a big, stylish wine, blended with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from the Alder Ridge vineyard. This is the first single vineyard wine to be released from Chatter Creek. The 1999 Cabernet Sauvignon really shows that even a younger vineyard can produce top quality wine when farmed by a wine-grape grower. Alder Ridge Vineyard should be a cornerstone of Chatter Creek for years to come.

The 1999 vintage was a drought year and one of the cooler growing seasons in Washington State. The temperature rarely got above 95 degrees during the summer. Many growers dropped fruit to lighten the fruit load and compensate for the cool season. Reducing the amount of fruit on the vine helps to ensure the grapes reach maturity. The winemakers benefited from this lightened load, with the concentrated flavors that a light harvest gives.

The color is rich and deep; the nose is full of berry. The flavors are ripe, dark, and deep. The tannins are soft and supportive, not drying, and there is enough acid to carry the wine through to a long pleasant finish.

Both of these wines, as well as our 1998 Cabernet Sauvignon and 1997 Sparkling Wines will be available to taste during our open house June 2nd and 13th (first and third Saturdays). Plan to come by and take advantage of these weekend openings. For more information call us at (206) 985-2816, or find us on the web at chattercreek.com.



From the north. Take 1-5 to the NE 50th St. exit, turn left on to 50th St., go across the freeway, turn left on to 7th Ave and go to 55th St. turn left and park.

From the south and SR520. Take 1-5 to the NE 50th St exit. This will put you on 7th Ave. Stay on 7th Ave across 50th to 55th St. Turn left and park.

The white house with green trim is our home. The winery entrance is around in back of the house.

Hours are 11:00 to 4:30 the first and third Saturday of the month.