

Eliseo Silva

2009 Late Harvest Chenin Blanc

Tasting Notes

Candied pears, caramel and stone earth with hints of dandelions in the nose. Rich flavors of caramel, white stone fruit and baked apples finishes soft and silky with undertones of bright acidity.

Vineyards

Tagaris Winery is a family-owned estate winery with two large vineyards. The 200 acre Arete Vineyards (Greek, meaning the culmination of all things good), straddles the "Top of the Hill" at Radar Hill near Othello, WA and was planted in 1983. Gewurztraminer, Muller-Thurgau, Chenin Blanc and Riesling are grown on the northern slopes, and Chardonnay, merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah are grown on the south-facing slope.

The younger Alice Vineyards (named after Michael Taggares' mother, Alice) lies along the south slopes of Saddle Mountain in the newly-designated Wahluke AVA. Alice is comprised of 100 acres of new grape varieties Malbec, Mourvedre, Petite Verdot and Counoise grown for the Tagaris "Nouveau-style" wines. Other varieties such as Grenache, Tempranillo and Pinot Gris are also grown at the Alice Vineyards, along with traditional WA State varieties of Cabernet, Merlot and Syrah.

Winemakers Bio

Frank started winemaking right out of school when he worked for Harry McWatters at Sumac Ridge Estate Winery in Summerland, British Columbia and Hawthorne Mountain Vineyards in Okanogan Falls. For the past 10 years he was Cellar Master for legendary winemaker Rob Griffin of Barnard Griffin Winery, one of Washington State's first accomplished wine makers.



| Technical Data | |
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| Total acidity | .48 |
| pH | 3.4 |
| Alcohol | 11.8% |
| Blend | 100% Chenin Blanc |
| Cases produced | 976 |