

# WASHINGTON HILLS



## GEWÜRZTRAMINER COLUMBIA VALLEY

VARIETY BLEND  
100% Gewürztraminer

### BOTTLING

pH: 3.21  
TA: 0.6  
ALC: 12.0%  
RS: 2.52%

### Columbia Valley

Washington's success with vinifera is due in large measure to the state's unique geography. The vineyards are planted on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, which serve to protect the region from marine weather off the Pacific coast and limit rainfall to just 6 - 8 inches annually. Low rainfall and free-draining soils allow vineyard managers to control vine vigor in order to promote flavor and ripen fruit to perfection. Cool autumn nights protect the grapes' natural acidity.

### Tasting Notes

Ripe pears, lychee, pineapple and a bit of clove fill the nose of this light straw color wine. This off dry wine continues with lychee and pineapple on the palate followed by clove and spice on the long finish.

### Vintage Notes

Columbia Valley's 2005 growing season brought the perfect combination of warm summer months, cool autumn temperatures and a mild winter. With moderate winter temperatures and a prolonged Indian summer the grapes were allowed extra hang time which developed robust Washington wine characteristics. The harvest resulted in high quality grapes with concentrated flavors.

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