

## **Charles Smith Wines 2006 Holy Cow Merlot—Columbia Valley**

PURE MERLOT! Sweet cherry, pipe tobacco and spice. Cool stone, smooth as velvet, TASTY AS HELL!

**The Vineyards:** All the vineyards are in very warm sites with cool nights.

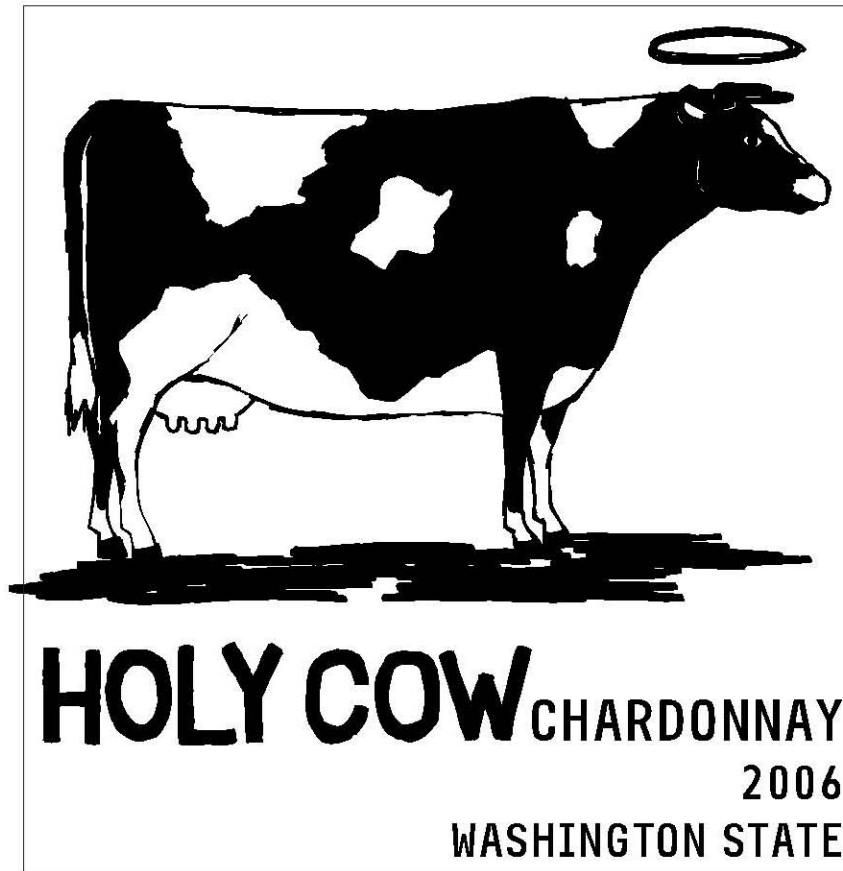
**Sundance Vineyards:** located on the Wahluke slope. Sundance has a slight northerly slope which lends to a cooler sight in a very warm growing region. Slopes are 18 inches of sandy loam over a deep layer coarse dark gray sand providing good soil drainage.

**Clifton Hill Vineyard:** Wahluke slope AVA. Located on the western edge of the AVA with a steep west facing slope. Soils are 6 to 18 inches of very sandy lam on 20 feet of gravel riverbed ;left behind by the Missoula floods.

**Snipes Road Vineyard:** in the Yakima Valley ACA, located north of Grandview on some of the highest irrigated elevations on the south slope of the Rattlesnake Hills. Slopes are a thin layer of silty loams that run to a very rocky underlayment.

PH 3.76  
TA .50  
ALC 13.5%

Production: 9,550 Cases



**Charles Smith Wines**  
**2006 Holy Cow Chardonnay - Columbia Valley**

SILKY! This Chardonnay grown in rocky soils is pure, complex and fresh.  
Silky? Yes, very, very SILKY!

**The Vineyards:** All of the vineyards are on high buttes and naturally cooler growing areas of the Columbia Valley.

**Evergreen Vineyard**, west of George, WA. Clay soils over broken basalt and caliche layers.

**Frenchman Hills Vineyard**, located on the very east end of Frenchman Hill. Sandy loam soil over broken caliche layers on steep north facing slopes.

**Upland Farms Vineyard**, located on the steep south slopes of Snipes Mountain, west of Sunnyside in the Yakima Valley. Clay soils situated on round cobbles. This chardonnay vineyard has been in production since the mid seventies.

PH 3.66  
TA .58  
ALC 13.5%

Production: 9,300 cases