



Garagiste

WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Cedergreen Cellars

Owners: Kevin and Julie Cedergreen

Winemaker: Kevin Cedergreen

Location: Columbia Valley, Washington

A family-run winery based in Kirkland, Washington, Cedergreen Cellars is owned by Kevin and Julie Cedergreen who enjoy making food friendly wines from notable vineyards in the Columbia Valley. Since 2002, the couple has worked with the Valley's best growers to craft a handful of very limited production, award-winning wines that beautifully capture the distinctive terroir the Northwestern region has to offer.



Kevin and Julie both grew up in Eastern Washington - Kevin on his family's orchard, which taught him early on the rhythm of nature and the good things that come from it. His memories of picking and eating ripe fruit, experiencing the craziness of harvest, and having the chance to crush and press his own juice in an old clanking cider press would ultimately lead him to opening his own winery down the road.

In 1979, Kevin and his wife Julie moved west to the Seattle area, where Kevin spent two decades as a landscape architect. The Cedergreens loved their new home, but missed Eastern Washington and began to strategize how they could live on both sides of the Cascade Mountains. They decided starting a winery was the answer; they could live in Seattle and make wine in Eastern Washington. To make their new venture a reality, Kevin took extension courses through UC Davis and worked in the labs at Coventry Vale's custom crush facility (an incredibly rewarding experience where he had the chance to work with a wide group of owners and winemakers as they crushed and pressed their grapes). He also worked harvests in New Zealand and gained further winemaking experience at Willow Crest Winery in Prosser, Washington.

In 2002, Cedergreen Cellars became a reality. Kevin's history working throughout Washington state and New Zealand had exposed him to a range of winemaking philosophies and terroirs, which resulted in his unique vision of integrating various New World styles for his Cedergreen Cellars label. He is focused on making food friendly, fruit forward wines with bright flavors, while respecting the earth and specifically, the vineyard, that each wine comes from.

Kevin sources grapes for his red wines from such notable vineyards as Conner Lee, Clifton Hills, Chandler Ranch, Skyline, and Klipsun, and for his whites, the Sauvignon Blanc comes from Spring Creek near Benton City, and the Chenin Blanc Old Vine comes from vines with "trunks" the size of telegraph poles that were planted in 1968 at Willard Farms in Prosser. His wines are available in select restaurants and wine shops in the area. Although there is no tasting room, Kevin is constantly out tasting and discussing his wines at local tasting bars, events, and fund-raisers. We hope you enjoy one of his latest achievements!

Cedergreen 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon

68 cases produced

Conner Lee Vineyard, Columbia Valley, Washington

Cedergreen's 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of depth and complexity, produced from Conner Lee Vineyards on the Wahluke Slope of Washington's Columbia Valley. Although 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is a blend of five different Cabernet clones that each offer different nuances and characteristics to make this blend unique, well-balanced, and deliciously harmonious. Aromas of cherry, leather and tobacco complement the depth of fruit flavors on the palate. Aged 20 months in oak. Enjoy!

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$32.00 / bottle

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*2 bottle minimum per wine, per order. Shipping and tax (if applicable) not included. Call for details.

