

2018 Chardonnay

Willamette Valley AVA



Winemaker's Notes

The 2018 Willamette Valley Chardonnay is a blend from several of the region's best vineyards and thus provides complex aromas and flavors. Succulent aromas of fresh cooked peaches and lush apricot fill the glass. A subtle green apple sweetness pairs with crisp minerality for a fresh and vibrant finish.

Technical Notes

Harvest date:	9/29/18	AVA:	Willamette Valley
Brix:	21.3°	Blend:	100% Chardonnay
pH:	3.32	Aging:	10 Months
Alcohol:	13.4%	New Oak:	20%

The Vintage

Not as hot as the past four, not as frenzied as the past four, but just as good as the past four. 2018 marks the fifth consecutive favorable vintage for the Willamette Valley, supported by perfect ripening in October that allowed for a slow and focused harvest. After a suitably wet winter, the spring and summer of 2018 rolled around into what has been regarded as the driest summer period in a number of years. After a later than usual bud-break, bloom was followed by high temperatures not as severe as they had been in the previous three vintages. While not extremely hot, the consistent heat and lack of rain led to early veraison and quick ripening of the fruit. Just as we were preparing for another fast and early harvest, cooler fall weather arrived, bringing with it a welcome dose of moisture to the valley. This provided the vines with the perfect segue from high sugars into lush phenolic ripeness backed by gentle acidity. The cooler month of October allowed us to gradually harvest each block, resulting in a giving vintage packing perfect fruit proes in the wines.

The Soléna Story

After successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, the husband and wife team of Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu purchased an 80-acre estate to commemorate their marriage. In May 2002, they launched Soléna by releasing their first bottling and, shortly thereafter, opening a tasting room in Carlton. Soléna is the combination of the Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun and the moon, and the name that Laurent and Danielle gave to their daughter.

Soléna Estate began as a way to explore winemaking with other varietals grown in neighboring appellations while the family's young Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA matured. In May 2007, Danielle and Laurent added the spectacular Hyland Vineyard in the McMinnville AVA to their estate vineyard holdings. Today Laurent and Danielle are producing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from their estate vineyards.



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