

# 2019 Domaine Danielle Laurent Chardonnay

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## Winemaker's Notes

Domaine Danielle Laurent is our 20-acre Estate vineyard in the beautiful Yamhill-Carlton AVA. Vibrant gold in its hue, this home grown Chardonnay delivers a juicy full-bodied structure with inviting notes of peach, toasted hazelnuts, and stone fruit. The palate is velvet-like with vibrant flavors of green apple, honey, and melon as it delivers a lingering finish. Drink now or cellar another 2-5 years.

## Technical Notes

Harvest date:	09/15/2019	AVA:	Yamhill-Carlton
Brix:	22°	Blend:	100% Chardonnay
pH:	3.67	Aging:	10 Months
Alcohol:	13.9%	New Oak:	33%

## The Vintage

After a string of five warmer vintages starting in 2014, the 2019 vintage marks the return of a cool vintage for the Willamette Valley. A relatively mild winter at the end of 2018 was followed by a cold and wet start to 2019. After the cool winter rains relaxed, we were welcomed into early spring with warmer than average temperatures and several long days of sunshine. The sun-filled warm spring days provided our vines an ideal start to the growing season. For the majority of the growing season, we were treated to near-perfect conditions. Long and warm, but not hot, early summer days gave way to cool evenings that allowed the vines to relax. Even with a fantastic growing season, the vintage will be remembered for the early rains in September and rapid cool down into October which challenged harvesting decisions – Patience was key for 2019. Even with the sudden cool down and rain showers, Oregon has carved a reputation for cooler vintages like this. Vintages that produce the complexity and aromatics, along with lower alcohol levels, that people have come to expect from Oregon.

## 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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