

# 2022 CHARDONNAY

Willamette Valley AVA

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Our ageable 2022 Willamette Valley Chardonnay is a blend from our estate and favorite local vineyards, providing the perfect balance of aroma and flavor. On the nose, this wine leaps out with notes of yogurt-covered almonds and golden apples. Beautiful fruit notes of dried mango, lemon-frosted cheerios, and minerality mesh with a touch of nutty oak aging to provide silky body and a refreshing palate. Drink now or cellar until 2028.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest date:	10/16/2022	AVA:	Willamette Valley
Brix:	21.5°	Blend:	100% Chardonnay
pH:	3.63	Aging:	9 Months
Alcohol:	13.0%	New Oak:	25% French

## THE VINTAGE

Vineyard owners rejoiced at the quality and quantity of fruit coming in during Willamette Valley's 2022 harvest. The growing season was uniquely unpredictable, from a surprise April freeze to a rain-soaked May and June, to triple-digit temperatures in the summer. By July we started implementing canopy techniques to speed up the ripening process, without allowing too much direct sun onto the grapes. Quality level was never a concern, it was just predicting the timing of full ripening, harvesting, and the volume of juice from our vineyards.

Luckily the hot summer turned into a long, warm fall, which is perfect for a great vintage. Our grapes got to full ripeness just in time for our first pick. Extended warmth, sun, and good airflow in the canopy reduced any concerns of damp fruit during harvesting. In the end, the volume of fruit was even higher than expected, and flavors developed right up to our slightly-later-than-usual harvest. We are excited to share these wines from an impressive "miracle vintage".

## THE SOLÉNA STORY

Soléna is a combination of Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun, the moon and cycles of life. We were launched in May of 2000 when our owners purchased our 80-acre estate which became the Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard. Furthering their successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu gifted this vineyard to each other for their wedding, and began making wine under the label named Soléna after their daughter.

Soléna Estate showcases the beauty of terroir in our site-specific wines. We craft delicious wine from our own estate vineyards in Yamhill-Carlton and McMinnville AVAs, as well as iconic single-vineyards around the Northwest. We're well known for consistent, ageable Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Cabernet Sauvignon. However, our entrepreneurial spirit means we keep expanding our offerings. Visit our picturesque vineyard and tasting room in Yamhill, Oregon and raise a glass to celebrate friends, family, and life!



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