

2014 Willamette Valley Chardonnay

Willamette Valley, Oregon



Winemaker's Notes

The Willamette Valley Chardonnay is vibrantly crisp and light with notes of lemon lime, coconut, white pineapple and floral honeysuckle.

Technical Info

Harvest: 9/12/2014
Brix at Harvest: 21.2°
pH: 3.33
TA: 6.7
Alcohol: 12.7%
Residual Sugar: 2 g/L

Aging: 12 Months
Barrels: 100% French Oak
New Oak: 22%
Grapes: 100% Chardonnay
Case Production: 88 cases
Unfiltered
Fined with traditional egg whites

The Vintage

Considered to be more powerful than 2012, but not as overpowering as 2009 could be, this vintage of a lifetime may be Oregon's best harvest to date. From bud-break through-out harvest, growers and winemakers statewide experienced almost ideal growing conditions that delivered a record amount of exceptional, balanced fruit.

While the 2013-2014 winter may have started out as cold and wet followed by a wet and warm spring, the hot and dry summer allowed for an ideal, if not early, harvest. These seasonal characteristics led to bud-break, bloom and harvest all occurring close to two weeks earlier than usual. Despite the early progression, the warm temperatures - along with minimal issues due to rain, disease and birds - lead to even cluster development and a beautiful balance between sugar levels and structure in the berries. This resulted in deeply concentrated wines with luscious dark fruit flavor profiles. Warmer vintages may have the potential for high sugar and pH levels that produce wines that are stylistically different in both regional and varietal character. However, it is safe to say that 2014 may be one of the finest and most harmonious vintages in the history of Willamette Valley.

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 2000. In May 2002, they launched Soléna by bottling their first vintage of Domaine Danielle Laurent Pinot Noir and, shortly thereafter, opening a tasting room in Carlton. Soléna is the combination of the French and Spanish words soleil and luna, 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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