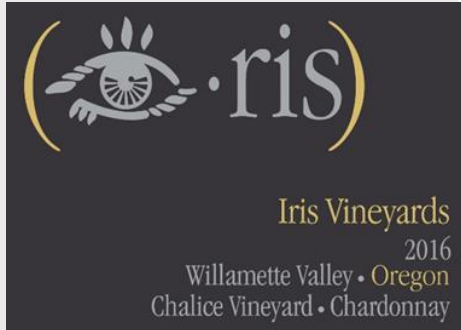


# Iris Vineyards



## 2016 CHALICE ESTATE CHARDONNAY

Willamette Valley

World-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Chardonnay

### TECHNICAL DATA

**VARIETIES** 100% Chardonnay

**AVA** Willamette Valley

**TA** 5.8g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.4 g/L

**ALCOHOL** 13.6%

**ELEVAGE** Sur Lees in 500 Liter Puncheons,  
100% French Oak, 50% New Oak

**CLONES** Dijon 76

**VINEYARDS** Chalice Estate Vineyards

**SOIL TYPES** Jory

**HARVESTED** October 2016

**BOTTLED** September 2017

**CELLARING** 1-5 years

**REALEASED** November 2019

**CASES** 156

**WINEMAKER** Aaron Lieberman  
**PROPRIETOR** Pamela Frye

**SRP:** \$29.99

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Our estate Chardonnay is planted in two adjoining blocks near the center of our vineyard. Both blocks were established in 1996 and both are planted to Dijon 76 clone. Chardonnay is the last fruit to be harvested from our vineyard because it is the latest ripening grape we have planted. The slow ripening of these grapes allows them to become more flavorful while they retain more acid and accumulate less sugar.

### VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2016 growing season at Chalice Vineyard continued a three-year trend of warmer than average vintages. Bud break occurred April 3-9, one of the earliest ever for our site. The season was distinguished by a summer of consistently warmer than average temperatures. July and August passed without excessive heat spikes. The vines enjoyed a healthy and stress-free summer. The weather in early June was pleasant and warm for bloom, making for a uniform and quality fruit set. This was the earliest bloom period we have had at Chalice Vineyard. Harvest began earlier than ever, making for a stress-free harvest without threat of rain.

### Awards and Accolades

Double Gold – *Oregon Wine Competition*  
Gold – *New Orleans International Wine Awards*