



2018 ARETÉ 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 5.7g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR 3.7g/L

ALCOHOL 13.2%

ELEVAGE Sur Lees in 500 Liter Puncheons,
100% French Oak, 25% New Oak

CLONES Dijon 76

VINEYARDS Chalice Estate Vineyards

SOIL TYPES Jory

HARVESTED October 2018

BOTTLED September 2019

CELLARING 1-5 years

RELEASED August 2021

CASES 154 six packs

WINEMAKER Aaron Lieberman

PROPRIETOR Pamela Frye

SRP: \$39.99

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. Once the grapes arrive at our winery we destem and allow the skins to soak in the juice for about 12 hours. This soaking brings flavor and some color from the skins into the juice. After pressing and settling the juice is racked to barrel for fermentation. Barrel fermented Chardonnay is more textural and softer on the palate. We achieve a balanced oak profile in our Chardonnay by using 500-liter barrels instead of the smaller 228-liter barrels which are the standard size. Aging in larger size barrels allows less oak flavor into the wine and the light toasting of those barrels leads to better integration of oak and fruit flavors.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2018 vintage saw a return to the trend of warmer than average growing conditions following a slightly cooler than average 2017. Budbreak was on April 25th which is close to historical average for our vineyard. Bloom occurred with favorable weather on about June 20th. From there on the season was one of the warmest and driest on record but with few heat spikes. We were also handed a cool, dry fall which allowed for extra hang time and a relatively stress-free harvest