

2018 WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHARDONNAY



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TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

On the nose, notes of lemon curd, stone fruit, orange blossom and yellow plums. The palate shows layers of citrus zest, gardenias, orange cream sorbet, Anjou pears and persimmon. The fruit and flower notes are kept fresh with precise acidity and a mouth watering, crystalline finish.

VINEYARD

Carabella Vineyard - Chehalem Mountains AVA - Mixed Volcanic Soils

Cool site on Parrett Mountain at 500 - 600 feet elevation. Winderlea's source for Dijon 76 Chardonnay since 2017.

Hyland Vineyard - McMinnville AVA - Jory & Nekia Soils

One of Oregon's oldest vineyard. 600-800 feet elevation foothills of the Coast Range Mountains. Chardonnay grapes have structure and age-worthy character.

Winderlea Vineyard - Dundee Hills AVA - Jory Soil

South facing vineyard 320-580 feet elevation. Chardonnay is coming from a 1.5 acre section planted to a variety of Chardonnay clones.

Meredith Mitchell Vineyard - McMinnville AVA - Volcanic Broken Basalt Soil Oldest plantings from 1988. High elevation, shallow rocky soil, broken basalt. This cool and windy site ideal for developing whites varietals with bright acidity. Demeter Biodynamic® certification in 2018.

2018 HARVEST

We cruised into the 2018 harvest after an early budbreak and bloom, a comfortably warm spring, and those precious, cool summer evenings that make our eyes light up. The stellar prospect of the vintage was heightened by a "cool" final ripening compared to most of the previous five, and zero disease pressure, thanks to coastal and ridge-top breezes and the absence of rain. Rich favors with an edge of restraint, combined with the lift of gentle acidity, made 2018 textbook perfect from our vantage—and worthy of all the hype.

VINEYARD: Carabella, Hyland, Meredith Mitchell, Winderlea

a **AVA:** Willamette Valley

SELECTIONS: Dijon 76, Dijon 108, Dijon Mix

HARVEST DATES: 9/10/18, 9/18/18, 10/3/18, 10/4/18

AGING: Fermented and aged 10 months French oak, 8% new, 6% stainless

ALCOHOL | pH | TA: 13.5% | 3.12 | 6.4

BOTTLE DATE: 8/2/19 CASES PRODUCED: 825

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