

## 2020 WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHARDONNAY



## TASTING NOTES from THE WINDERLEA TEAM

The nose is abundant and fresh showing acacia flower, star fruit and lemon candy which contrast nicely alongside a mix of wild thyme and freshly cut grass. Notes of white peach, anjou pear and cardamom add depth to the palate, complementing the bright, racy finish.

## **VINEYARD**

Winderlea Vineyard - Dundee Hills AVA - Jory Soil South facing vineyard 320 feet to 580 feet elevation, in the heart of the Dundee Hills. Oldest vines planted in 1974. Chardonnay is coming from a 1.5 acre section with a north aspect and is planted to a variety of Chardonnay clones.

Worden Hill Vineyard - Dundee Hills AVA - Jory Soil

This 50 acre site sits high atop the Dundee Hills with 24 acres of vines. Oldest vines planted in 1977. Demeter Biodynamic® certificated in 2021. The vineyard faces due south and sits at an average elevation of 650 feet. Volcanic Jory soil, with a narrow strip of volcanic Nekia running through the middle. 5.6 acres of Chardonnay on this site.

Meredith Mitchell Vineyard - McMinnville AVA - Volcanic Broken Basalt Soil Oldest plantings from 1988. Mostly planted to own rooted Pommard, 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.



## 2020 HARVEST

A year we all will remember. Mother Nature did serve us up some pretty ideal conditions for growing grapes with concentration and complexity. Less than ideal weather in the start greatly reduced grape and fruit set. Tiny berries and loose, light cluster suggested a vintage with concentration and grip. The affects of wildfire played a factor in the harvesting and winemaking decisions.

**AVA:** Willamette Valley

VINEYARD: Winderlea, Worden Hill, Meredith Mitchell

SELECTIONS: Dijon 76, Draper, Dijon 108, Dijon 95

**HARVEST DATES:** 9/14/19, 9/25/19, 10/5/19

AGING: Fermented and aged 10 months neutral French oak

**ALCOHOL** | **pH** | **TA**: 13% | 3.16 | 6.1

BOTTLE DATE: 9/1/21 CASES PRODUCED: 516

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