

THE WINE

With fruit sourced from the prized Eola-Amity Hills AVA's Eola Springs Vineyard, this Chardonnay showcases a clone fairly unique to the Willamette Valley, bringing the fruit front-and-center framed with a hint of new French oak.

EOLA SPRINGS VINEYARD

The Eola Springs Vineyard is in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA in the Willamette Valley. Located in the northern most block in the vineyard, the Chardonnay is grown in Jory soils at an elevation of 450 feet above sea level, sloping to the south.

VINTAGE

2022 started out interesting, with bud break on April 25th followed by a sustained frost event throughout the Willamette Valley. Early predictions estimated a 10% to 50% crop loss throughout the valley but thankfully, we were barely impacted. Bloom was July 11th and thanks to fantastic weather, we had a solid fruit set. The summer was dry but cooler than past years, but late August, September and the first half of October were all unusually warm and dry, which presented a great opportunity for longer hang time. With the threat of rain beginning on October 22nd, we quickly harvested the week prior, with grapes fully processed by the time the rain arrived.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The fruit was harvested on October 19th at 22.1 Brix. All the fruit was hand-sorted and then pressed. After settling, the Chardonnay was barrel-fermented and aged for 11 months. French oak barrels were used for aging, 20% of which was new. To preserve freshness yet introduce additional structure, malolactic fermentation was allowed to progress but only for a very short time.

TASTING NOTES

Fragrant, high-toned aromas of lemon and citrus. Sweet florals greet the palate and evolve into refreshing green apple and cardamom on the palate. Lean, citrus driven finish and delicate tingle of acidity complete a balanced and vibrant wine experience.



TECHNICAL DATA

Composition	100% Chardonnay Clone 15
Aging	11 Months 20% New French Oak
pH	3.23
Titrateable Acidity	6.6 g/L
Alcohol	13.24%
Bottling Date	October 1, 2023
Release Date	December 1, 2023
Bottle Production	57 Cases