

Purity Chardonnay

Willamette Valley

Clone: 76

Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

Harvest date: September 24, 2023

Bottling date: March 12, 2024

Barrels: 70 gallon stainless steel barrels

Cases produced: 60

The history

Purity Chardonnay was the very first wine we bottled - back in 2004 whilst waiting for our first vintage of Pinot Noir to mature in barrel, and we are thrilled to announce our return to crafting this delicious style of Chardonnay.

Our collaboration with our grower partners at Finnigan Hill Vineyard has provided us with the quality - and the shared commitment to sustainability, that enabled us to bring the lovely Purity Chardonnay, a longtime customer favorite, to back to life.

The vineyard

Finnigan Hill Vineyard, Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley. 850' elevation. Loess soil. Organically farmed.

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The methodology

Hand harvested and in the winery, the grapes were whole-cluster pressed, using a gentle champagne cycle to ensure a slow and meticulous extraction of flavors. The juice then underwent an extended, cool fermentation in 70-gallon stainless steel barrels; the cool fermentation temperatures helped preserve the wine's crisp acidity, which in turn is beautifully balanced by a partial malolactic fermentation. This slow process allows the wine's round mouthfeel and rich tropical fruit flavors to shine, in turn creating a pure, elegant expression of Chardonnay.