



# 2021 Chardonnay

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## *Vineyard:*

Established in 1983, Yamhill Valley Vineyards is the second oldest vineyard in the McMinnville AVA. We produce 100% estate grown wines from our 150-acre estate located in the Willamette Valley. Thanks to our geologic history and geographic location, our site is known for intense, enduring wines, grown with distinction. Our two Chardonnay Blocks, Fromage and Hilltop, are both field blends of clones 76 and 95 grown on volcanic soils.

## *Vintage:*

The 2021 growing season was overall steady, giving us an even ripening curve which shows in the soft, approachable texture of this wine. The spring vascilated between hot and cold weather systems and we experienced rain during bloom, leading to a lighter crop. The extreme heat of the summer occurred in June, a saving grace, as the berries had not gone through veraison yet and were protected at that stage in their life. Once the summer steadied out, we saw even ripeness across the blocks leading to lush texture, moderate acidity, and excellent balance.

## *Winemaking:*

Grapes were hand-picked and delivered to the crush pad where they were promptly sorted and pressed off their skins in whole clusters. After settling overnight, the juice was racked to barrels that illustrated a gentle expression of oak. A slow, cool barrel fermentation encouraged a full bouquet, and integrating oak from the get-go offers intricate and abundant aromatics.

## *Tasting Notes:*

Toasted hazelnuts, caramel, green apple peel, white flowers, bright & round.

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Winemaker:	Alcohol:	RS:	pH:	TA:
Ariel Eberle	13.5 %	0.2 g/L	3.29	6.0 g/L

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