

OREGON CHARDONNAY

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TASTING NOTES: The 2014 A to Z Oregon Chardonnay opens with aromas of green apple, honeysuckle blossoms, freshly cut honeydew and lime leaves that evolve to quince, chamomile and beeswax. The palate bursts forth with floral and citric flavors offering beautiful acidity and brightness. The finish is focused with well-balanced freshness and structure showing all the power and depth of the 2014 Oregon vintage while retaining the fresh minerality that Oregon chardonnay is known for.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Oregon Chardonnay becomes more exciting each year: we are enjoying a warm agricultural cycle, our vineyards with Dijon clones are maturing and we have learned much about how to handle Chardonnay at the Burgundian northern latitude. The 2014 A to Z Chardonnay is blended to a single cuvée from 32 lots that have been fermented and aged in stainless steel of varying sizes to maintain brightness and showcase the nuances of the variety. Malolactic fermentation was intentionally blocked to retain freshness and purity of fruit.

VINTAGE NOTES: 2014 started out quick and warm with early budbreak. Exceptional weather conditions set very large potential crop across the state, requiring much crop thinning. The summer turned out to be the warmest in Oregon's history, yet it was without a real heatwave. Veraison occurred three weeks earlier than 2011, under warm and sunny skies. At the start of harvest, the fruit was perfect: perfect chemistry, perfect flavors, perfect health. Conditions during ripening were dry and sunny and grapes were able to be picked at optimum ripeness with no pressure from disease or weather. Both quality and quantity were high and the 2014 vintage in Oregon could be counted as among the largest and finest this state has ever seen producing wines of tremendous depth, balance and focus that will age for years.

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