

NORTHWEST RIDGE



2019 Willamette Valley Chardonnay

THE VINTAGE

2019 marked the return of a cool and mild vintage for the Willamette Valley. The winter months brought moisture and cool temperatures to the area, but gave way to warmer temperatures as we moved into spring. The warm temperatures in spring gave the vines a boost to start the growing season. As the summer months came and went, they brought with them cooler than average daytime high's and above average amounts of rainfall for that time of year. Cool temperatures continued into the fall as harvest approached. Rain was the story for the first part of September, which extended the ripening time of the fruit and pushed out harvest just slightly. Bright and sunny days with cool dry nights returned for the last half of September and continued into October allowing for ideal conditions to make picking decisions. Most consider the conditions to be that of a much more "classic" Oregon vintage. Overall the vintage produced wines with delicate nuanced aromas and balanced acidity.



THE LAND

The Willamette Valley is a former seabed that has been overlaid with nutrient-rich gravel, silt, rock and boulders brought by the formidable Missoula Floods from Montana and Washington during the Ice age between 15,000 and 18,000 years ago.

THE DATA

Harvest Date:
9/24-10/3/2019
pH: 3.26
TA: 5.6
Alc: 13.3

THE NOTES

N: Toasted Oak, Subtle Spice, Pear, Pineapple
M: Pear, Apple, Honey Apricot, Creaminess, Light Oak and Butter