



WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

2020 ESTATE CUVÉE CHARDONNAY YAMHILL-CARLTON

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

VINEYARD SOURCING

Sourced from two separate high elevation parcels of Chardonnay on the WillaKenzie Estate.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a mild and dry winter, the 2020 growing season started cool with budbreak occurring in mid-April. Late spring temperatures were a mixture of warm and cool conditions, as well as wet periods during flowering. As a result, fruit-set and yields were low in the Willamette Valley. Heat accumulation was moderate during the summer, resulting in wines with great flavor intensity and refreshing acidity.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested by hand from two separate high elevation parcels of Chardonnay on the WillaKenzie Estate on October 1st and 2nd, 2020. The grapes were whole-cluster pressed to maintain textural purity. The juice was then fermented in a combination of new and neutral French Oak puncheons. ♣

ALCOHOL: 13.7%

PH: 3.26 TA: 6.6 g/L

ÉLEVAGE

15 months in a combination of new and used French oak puncheons

CLONES

40% Dijon 95

60% Dijon 76

COMPOSITION

100% Dijon Chardonnay

SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

TASTING NOTES

This aromatically expressive wine offers notes of orange rind, star anise, crushed stone, mustard seed and a hint of ocean air. Those flavors carry through to a balanced palate that is pure, energetic and wonderfully textured.

PRODUCTION

260 cases