

• GRAN • MORAINÉ

2023

Dropstone Chardonnay

Our 2023 Dropstone Chardonnay is as *brilliant as polished stainless steel* with a sleek and mineral driven entry.

The 2023 growing season began cool and dry, with a delayed bud break around May 1st due to a cold, wet spring. A sudden warm-up in late April led to rapid vine growth and one of the warmest, driest Mays on record. Flowering was early and successful, setting the stage for a strong vintage. Summer remained warm and dry, with minimal weather challenges aside from a brief August heat spike. Harvest started early on August 24th and wrapped up in just 28 days—a record pace. Fruit came in clean and flavorful, producing fresh, balanced wines with ripe tannins and wide appeal.

AROMAS

Redhaven peach, apple blossoms, summer rain, musk melon, blood orange, lime zest, cotton candy, sourdough culture

FLAVORS

Marzipan, electrical storm, Myer lemon, yellow watermelon, granny smith apple

TEXTURE

A long straight gravel road through Eastern Oregon's scrubby desert. Salty minerality, rich but very chiseled body and acidity, with a long complex finish with creamy body as well as a bracing acidity.

HARVEST

September 12th and 13th, 2023

AGING

17 months in 14% new French oak barrels

4 months in Stainless Steel

CLONES

76

ALCOHOL

13.1%

TA

6.7 g/100ml

PH

3.03

PRODUCTION

233 cases

OUR VINEYARD

Nestled in the eastern foothills of Oregon's Coastal Range, on the wild western edge of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA, the range's peaks to the west and south buffer maritime winds and rain from the Pacific Ocean, creating a more temperate growing season distinct from neighboring vineyard sites. Planted in 2005-2006 to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay Dijon clones, the 194-acre vineyard perches in thin marine sedimentary soils, and diversity of block exposures and elevation offer a diverse palette for our farming and winemaking team.

RICH

BRACING ACIDITY

SALTY MINERALITY



Gran Moraine wines shine a light on the monologue of the Gran Moraine Vineyard, lifting its voice and vibrant energy through a signature style of elegance and restraint, with a fresh through-line of acidity. A style that has established the winery as a leader in the Willamette Valley.

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