

• GRAN • MORAINÉ

2023

Upland Chardonnay

The 2023 Upland Chardonnay is sleek, yet broad with a core of precise tension wrapped in opulence.

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

Almond, guava, key lime, graham crackers, honeydew melon, cream soda, malted milk balls, white tea leaves, dried cranberries, marigold, prickly pear

FLAVORS

White peach, clover, bees wax, alder sap, rose pollen, kiwi, caramel, cashew, white sage, Oregon winter truffle

TEXTURE

Opulent mouthfeel paired with tight acidity, entry through the finish is quite broad and filigreed with pinpricks of acidity popping out like armor on a crocodile.

HARVEST

September 7 - 12, 2023

AGING

20 months in very old French oak barrels

CLONES

95, 76

ALCOHOL

12.8%

TA

0.70 g/100ml

PH

3.12

PRODUCTION

207 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.

WAVES

AND

LAYERS



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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