

Lundeen

2021 Articulate Chardonnay | \$38 Retail | 50 cases produced



vineyard

Robinson Vineyard, Willamette Valley
8 acres | Established 2000 | 550' | Saum Soil

vintage and vinification

The 2021 Oregon growing season and harvest will always be recalled with a sigh of relief. The year delivered an outstanding rebound vintage after the heartbreaking fires that impacted the region on so many levels the year before. 2021 was not without its challenges, though. Heavy rain in late June during the critical pollination period impacted yields in some areas by as much as 50%, and the hot and dry summer that followed was a tense reminder of the conditions that preceded the fires in 2020. But in the end, fruit came through the door beautifully ripe, balanced and perfectly positioned for minimal intervention on the part of winemakers. Across the board, the wines showed the intensity and richness of color one would expect from a warmer year, but perhaps the most striking characteristic was the nearly perfect retention of natural acidity.

Articulate Chardonnay was fermented on the lees in a combination of neutral French oak barrels and puncheons for ten months and then left on the lees in tank for six more months prior to blending and bottling.

about

In our portfolio, Articulate is the top tier counterpoint to the single vineyard wines. It is not produced in every vintage but when the raw materials are available, a barrel-selected blend from excellent vineyards that are capable of expressing the beautiful, intriguing, and complex elements of Chardonnay. The Articulate bottling is meant to show the highest expression of the vintage as well as the Willamette Valley as a whole. It is also an occasion as a winemaker for me to show my hand and craft an especially complete and complex Chardonnay.



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