

# 2021 ELSIE'S CHARDONNAY

SRP: \$65 | 87 CASES PRODUCED

JASMINE MINERAL ELEGANT



Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley, Oregon

#### VINEYARD COMPOSITION

Planted in 1995, these blocks of Chardonnay clones 76 and 95 are some of the oldest on our estate.

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

#### ÉLEVAGE

Our Elsie's Chardonnay is fermented and aged in 25% new French oak. After 11 months, the wine is racked to tank and returned to neutral puncheons for another eight months.

HARVEST ALCOHOL

September 2021 13.0%

BOTTLING pH March 2023 3.21



## NOTES FROM WINEMAKER, MELISSA BURR

Generous both on the nose and the palate, this wine offers tremendous breadth and elegance. Aromas of lime zest, delicate jasmine, and river stones are transmuted into ripe fruit and abundant texture, framed by subtle notes of sandalwood. A clear line of juicy vibrancy carries the flavors the length of the palate, culminating in a long, elevated finish.

# VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2021 growing season was warmer than average in the Willamette Valley, producing beautifully ripe fruit with vibrant flavors. A dry spring led to lingering rain showers during bloom, which reduced the yield in some blocks. Then, an abnormal heatwave spread across the valley, with temperatures reaching as high as 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Fortunately, the fruit prospered as high temperatures occurred between bloom and véraison when berries were hard and less sensitive to damage. Temperatures tapered off prior to harvest, with warm days and cool nights, which allowed the fruit to ripen at an even and slower pace. Quick yet smooth, harvest started on August 21 with little to no breaks until we finished on September 26. The resulting wines are balanced with focused flavors, stunning fruit, gorgeous vibrancy, and incredible aging potential.















