



2011 CHARDONNAY
WILLAMETTE VALLEY



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NORTH VALLEY WINES

The Willamette Valley of Oregon stretches nearly 160 miles from the Columbia River Gorge down to the Eugene area - a large, diverse scope. However, it is in the North Valley of this region that all of the recognized sub-appellations are clustered - where the finest "Cru" quality vineyard sites are located. We explore the considerable diversity of this region by focusing on engaged partnerships with farmers committed to certified, sustainable farming practices, with the goal of producing outstanding wines that reflect distinctive personality and style.

THE WINE, THE VINTAGE

Our *debut* 2011 Chardonnay is sourced from two esteemed vineyards - one in the Eola-Amity Hills, the other in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. While 100% of the wine is barrel fermented, most of the barrels are in fact stainless steel and not oak. We employ only selective malolactic fermentation, and utilize new, French oak only as a flavor nuance. In the 2011 vintage the weather was generally cool throughout the season, which lends beautiful focus to the wine built on a sleek frame.

TASTING NOTES

A striking green-gold color gives this wine a pristine, youthful appearance. Exotic aromas of lime zest, fresh tropical fruits and honey dominate with subtle notes of toast and vanilla bean just under the surface. Effortless, refined and sleek on the entry, the palate is bright with just enough richness to provide gravitas and project the essence of ripe Chardonnay fruit. Citrus and fresh apple linger with a wisp of toast and honey on the dry, pure mouthwatering finish. This represents a renaissance in the promise of New World Chardonnay and pays homage to the Burgundian precedents in Chablis and Mersault.

SPECIFICS

VARIETAL:	100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION:	Willamette Valley { Yamhill-Carlton, Eola-Amity Hills }
ELEVAGE:	10% new French oak 30% used French oak {2-3 yr barrels} 60% stainless steel barrels 25% malolactic fermentation
PRODUCTION:	600 cases
ALCOHOL:	12.8%