

Willamette Valley Vineyards Founders' Reserve Char

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: USA - OR
REGION: Willamette Valley
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
CEPAGE: 100% Chardonnay
WINEMAKING: Grape Type: Chardonnay Clones: Dijon 76 & 96, Draper
Appellation: Willamette Valley Soil Type: Jory (iron rich volcanic), Nekia
(shallow iron rich volcanic) Harvest Date: Sep. 16 – Oct. 5, 2023 Harvest
Statistics · Brix: 22.5° · Titratable Acidity: 7.80 g/L · pH: 3.34
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.0%
AGING: French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks,
ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 4,000 cases

THE STORY

Founded in 1983 by Oregon native Jim Bernau with the dream of creating world-class Pinot Noir. Jim cleared away an old pioneer plum orchard in the Salem Hills and watered the vines by hand using 17 lengths of garden hose to get the grapevines through their first summer. Willamette Valley Vineyards has grown from a bold idea into one of the region's leading wineries, earning the title "One of America's Great Pinot Noir Producers" from Wine Enthusiast Magazine.

PHILOSOPHY: "Our mission in growing cool-climate varietals is to create elegant, classic Oregon wines from the Willamette Valley Appellation. As native Oregonians, we treasure our environment and use sustainable practices in growing and vinifying our wine grapes."

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Our approach is to grow, by hand, the highest quality fruit
AROMAS / FLAVORS: sweet aromas of honeysuckle, passionfruit, French cream and lightly spiced dried ginger
MOUTHFEEL: light body, balanced acidity, surlee aging.

THE SELLING POINTS

Chardonnay from Oregon's premier wine growing region
SUSTAINABILITY: Certified Sustainable
PAIRINGS: This wine pairs well with a variety of desserts, including lemon bars and crème brûlée, and savory d

