

The Setting Wines

The Setting Chardonnay Chehalem Mtn Vyd

THE FACTS



COUNTRY: USA - OR

REGION: Willamette Valley

APPELLATION: Chehalem Mountains

CEPAGE: 100% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING: Old Burgundian style - "Black Chardonnay." A revival of an old technique where Chardonnay juice is intentionally hyper-oxidized by aggressive pressing and aeration, turning it dark brown or black before fermentation, only for it to clarify into a golden, complex wine with enhanced aging potential and unique texture, contrasting with modern gentle methods. This process removes unstable phenolic compounds, preventing future browning and creating a wine that is often vibrant, layered, and surprisingly fresh despite its oxidative start. Benefits are that it stabilizes the wine for long aging, preventing premature oxidation (premo).

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.1%

AGING: Drink 2025 - 2035

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 300 cases

THE STORY

Established in 2014, The Setting is a collection of luxury wines created by three friends: Jeff Cova, Noah McMahon and winemaker Jesse Katz. Jesse's experience spans 19 harvests at internationally acclaimed wineries such as Chateau Petrus, Robert Foley, and was a part of the winemaking team at Screaming Eagle. The Setting Wines is a culmination of relationships spanning decades from Napa to Sonoma County to Willamette Valley, sourcing from some of the most prestigious vineyards the regions have to offer.

Recently, Jesse was named Wine Enthusiast's Global Winemaker of the Year for 2025.

THE ADJECTIVES

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Fuji apple, citrus blossom, stone fruit

MOUTHFEEL: Round on the front, Crisp & Vibrant on the mid & finish

THE SELLING POINTS

SUSTAINABILITY: Green Practicing, Sustainable In Practice

