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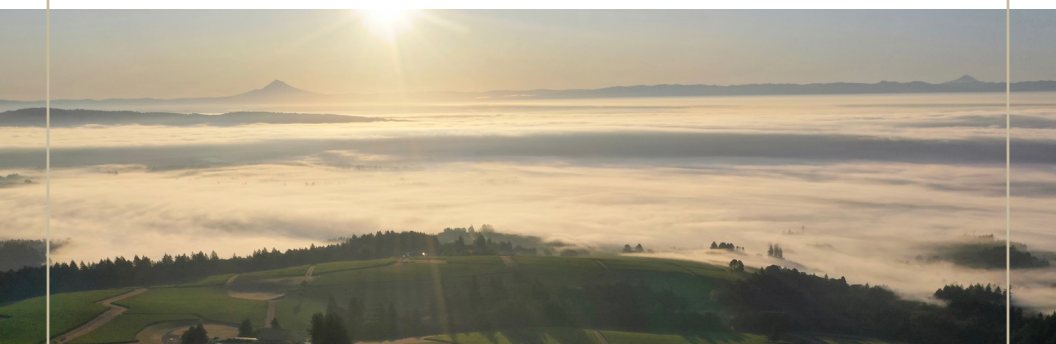
Harvest, Happiness & the 2021 Chardonnay Arthur

Greetings from Harvest 2022. Things are in full swing here, and the surprisingly warm weather is welcome, if entirely unexpected. In fact, thinking back to the April frost, our eternally wet spring, and super warm summer, one would not have predicted that we'd start harvesting in the Dundee Hills on October 7th. In t-shirt weather. This is the first time since 2012 that crush started in October, and we can say that Véronique is astounded by the complexity of flavors she's seeing in the first ferments. Our vision, always, is to honor the land and season from which our grapes are grown, and we can't wait to share these wines with you in the future.

We are also thrilled to announce the release of the 2021 Chardonnay Arthur. Drawn from an equally extreme growing season (2021 had ice storms, heat domes, and more), the 20th vintage of Arthur is fresh, focused, and wonderfully expressive. As you might have noticed, we are producing less Arthur as we refine and define this beautiful window into our vineyards. We invite you to add this bottling to your collection for a quiet evening at home, a holiday gathering amongst friends, or a future occasion that warrants Arthur's kind of joy.

Stay safe and be well!

— *Your DDO Team*



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About Chardonnay Arthur

Our Chardonnay Arthur is produced from 100% Dijon clones, grown on the Drouhin Family Estate in the Dundee Hills of Oregon. First planted in 1990, the low yields of these vines and their early ripening ability have been a perfect match for our climate and soils. Arthur, named for Véronique's son, is a wine that captures the bright, crisp acidity and mineral character of the vineyard, and is balanced with richness and lovely length.

The Vintage

The 2021 vintage was absolutely worth the wait, and we couldn't be more pleased with the charm and grace its wines present at every level. An arid and warm spring led to an even warmer, drier summer with notable heat spikes. Wonderfully, the vines remained healthy, and as temperatures cooled in mid-September, harvest was able to stretch out over three smooth weeks, ending in early October. After a dramatic growing season, the vines delivered grapes with complex flavors, incredible balance, and layers of elegance. As winemakers and grape growers, we couldn't have asked for a better gift from the vineyard.

Harvest Dates: 9/09/21-10/2/21

Bottled: August 2022

Véronique's Tasting Notes

Expressive and vibrant, our 2021 Chardonnay Arthur opens with a flourish of tart green apple and a focused bouquet of orange blossom and nicely ripe melon. There is lemon zest, honeysuckle, and fresh almonds on the palate, with a note of pear essence on the finish. It is drinking beautifully now with nice balanced acidity and a medium-long finish. Expect great things as it develops over the next 7-10 years.

— Véronique Drouhin