



2013 Willakia Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

"Aromas of faint bread dough, lime, candied pineapple and melon carry through to flavors on the palate. This wine is clean, focused and balanced with no flavor overwhelming the other. The finish has pleasing length and lingering notes reflecting the judicious use of oak."

Gary Horner, Erath Winemaker

VINEYARD OVERVIEW

Erath's 120.7-acre Willakia Vineyard is located in the prestigious Eola-Amity Hills Appellation. During the growing season, the region benefits from the temperature-moderating effect of the prevailing ocean breezes that flow through Van Duzer Corridor. The vineyard is divided into small blocks with diverse clones and rootstocks based on the aspects, slopes and orientations of the vineyard's beautiful rolling lands. These unique characteristics serve to complete Winemaker Gary Horner's philosophy of producing small, single vineyard wines to achieve high-quality and unique interpretations of Oregon Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. To date the vineyard is planted with 17.3 acres of Chardonnay and 103.4 acres of Pinot Noir. The vineyard is also LIVE and Salmon Safe certified.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2013 vintage began with an early bud break leading the way to a warm and dry summer, conditions setting the stage for an early harvest. The area experienced earlier than normal harvests, with the warmer weather which brought the fruit to physiological ripeness sooner than typically experienced in Oregon. Fortunately, the warm beginning led the way to a cool and extended finish translating to balanced wines of lower alcohol, higher acidity, and fruit flavors fresh and bright. Stylistically similar to the 2008, 2010 and 2011 vintages, these wines will pair beautifully with food and offer excellent cellaring potential.

APPELLATION

Eola-Amity Hills

VINEYARDS

Willakia Vineyard, Block 18

CLONE

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BARREL REGIME

40% new French oak,
aged sur lie for 8 months

HARVEST

October 12, 2013

T.A.

0.74 gm/100 mL

PH

3.39

ALCOHOL

13%

R.S.

Less than 0.2 gm/100 mL

CASES PRODUCED

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