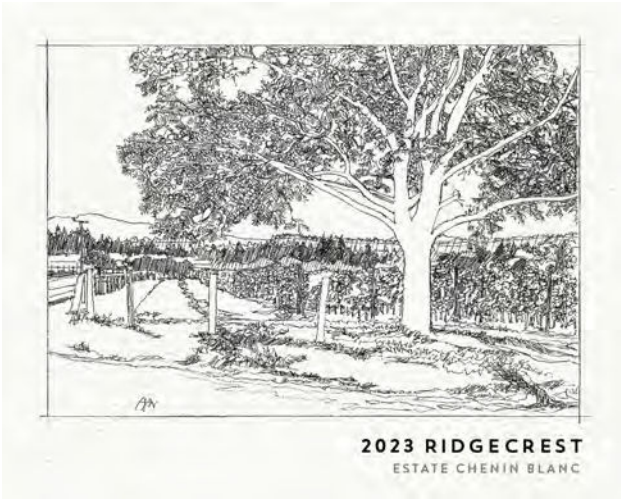

RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA
WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.9% | **TA** - 5.0 g/L | **pH** - 3.66 | **RS** 0.2 g/L

AGING - 9 months 25% concrete egg, 75% neutral French oak

PRODUCTION - 312 cases

RELEASE - September 2024

ENJOY - Now-2029 & beyond

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to LIVE (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.
Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current
Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total | 41 planted

LIVE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

Of those planted acres, only 1 is Chenin Blanc, planted in 2019. Wynne has been wanting to plant Chenin for quite some time. Good things come to those who wait!

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Chenin is the juxtaposition between fresh, bright, acid-driven, and at the same time round, fleshy, and opulent. No new barrel to speak of, but plenty of pear, white pepper, slate, lemon curd, honeydew, and sage. Fermented in neutral French oak and concrete egg, this wine is multi-dimensional, fresh and mineral-driven, lengthy on the palate, and delicious! – *Wynne Peterson-Nedry*

VINTAGE NOTES

2023: Return to Normal: Average Becomes winning at dinner.

We've had several unusual vintages recently, e.g., 2022 (hard freeze), 2021 (hot, hot hot) and 2020 (wildfire smoke). 2023 pleasantly showed us a recent, relative normalcy, albeit warm.

Only two harvests in the last ten have begun earlier, 2023 starting September 11, a full 30 days earlier than our average the first 15 vintages this century.

Vineyard vigor, growth and ripening were strong in this Summer, with only 2015 having more over-80F days and only 2019 having more rainfall. Cropload yields were slightly smaller by 15% than the all-varietal 2.52 ton-per-acre 5-year average, with disease pressure very low except for a couple late-held varieties and general quality very good to exceptional—and that we'd like to see become normal. - *Harry*

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