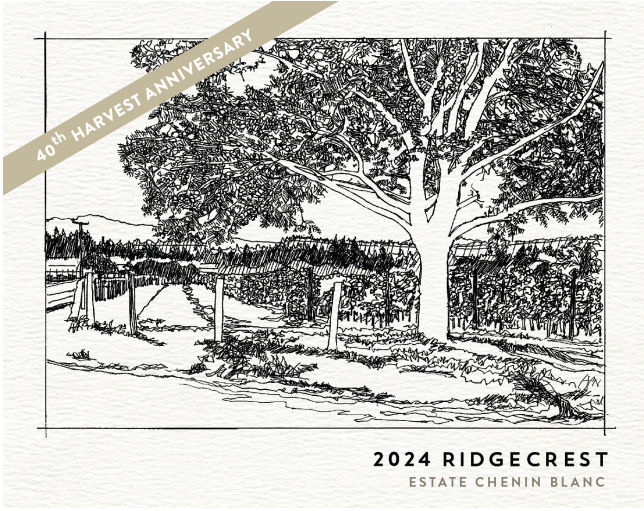

2024 RIDGECREST ESTATE CHENIN BLANC
RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA
WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.9% | **TA** - 7.5 g/L | **pH** - 3.31 | **RS** 0.9 g/L
AGING - 9 months 18% concrete egg, 12% stainless steel, 70% neutral French oak

PRODUCTION - 423 cases | **RELEASE** - September 2025
ENJOY - Now-2030 & beyond | **SRP** - $36

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 2020. Wynne has been wanting to plant Chenin for quite some time. Good things come to those who wait!

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2024 Chenin Blanc is a nod to the mineral-driven side of the variety. The nose opens with a lovely array of ripe Bartlett pear, clover, honeysuckle, crushed gravel and grapefruit peel. With the first sip you dive into more acidity and brightness which is juxtaposed with a smooth and round finish; showing highlights of lemon curd, peach gummy candy, quince paste and spiced warm apples. This wine is truly a stunner and will age well for decades in your cellar, if you can keep your hands off the bottles. – *Wynne*

VINTAGE NOTES

2024 - Drier, Cooler, Bigger Elegant ripening for a larger crop
Vintage 2024 joins the ranks of best-known vintages in the last quarter century, those warm and ripening but not hot, with little rain during growing season, and resulting in balanced fruit, fully ripe and harvested disease-free.

This year had a cooler growing season, similar to a family of ten or so well-respected vintages in the last 25 (such as 2018, 2007-2012, 2005, 2002, 2000). Start of harvest is a factor that has changed, as a response to climate change, with the warmer, recent years moving harvest earlier by as much as three weeks average.

2024 saw total heat accumulation which matched the 25-year average, aimed for full ripening, and the lowest rainfall accumulation May-thru-October that we've seen since 2008-09, for low disease pressure. All-inall, 2024 is a Goldilocks vintage with enough warmth, but not too much; enough rain, but not when picking; and enough crop to satisfy bankers, but not so much as to compromise quality. A valley-wide buzz and excitement around the vintage is warranted.
- Harry

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