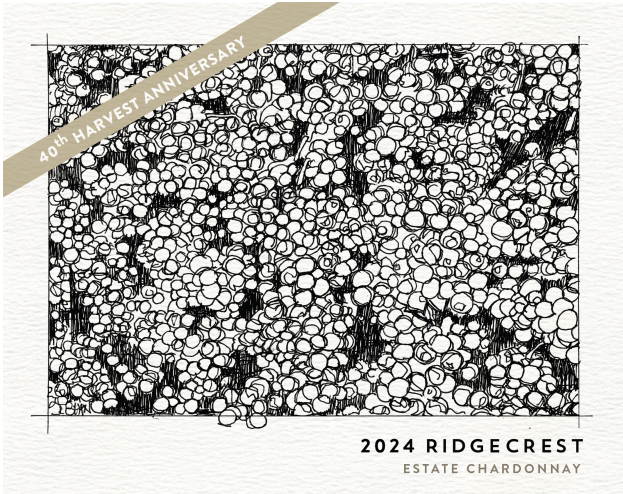

2024 RIDGECREST ESTATE CHARDONNAY
RIDGECREST VINEYARDS | RIBBON RIDGE AVA
WILLAMETTE VALLEY | OREGON

TECHNICAL DATA

AbV - 13.4% | **TA** - 6.2 g/L | **pH** - 3.40 | **RS** 0.5 g/L

AGING - 17 months total | 11 months 26% new, 74% neutral French oak + 6 months stainless steel | **CLONES** - Dijon 76 & 95

PRODUCTION - 375 cases | **SRP** $48

RELEASE - April 2026 | **ENJOY** - Now-2036 & beyond

Ridgecrest Vineyards is dry-farmed sustainably according to LIVE (Low Input Viticulture & Enology) standards.

LIVE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

Established - 1980 | Planted - 1982 - current
Elevation - 480 - 690ft | Acreage - 120 total | 38 planted

Of those planted acres, only a little over 3 are Chardonnay planted in 2019-2020. 3 acres, 2 clones (Dijon clones 76 & 95), to make 1 darn good Chardonnay!

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2024 Chardonnay is the perfect expression of the potential of this young Ribbon Ridge block, showing the tension and expressiveness we thought might only be reserved for later years. The wine opens with a bright, crunchy nose, with accents of lemon, apple crisp, and a smattering of broken rock and graphite, which is all balanced by warm notes of croissant, clove, and cedar. The palate unfolds elegantly; tight and firm at first, then broadening into layers of lemon custard, crème brûlée, and pineapple, with touches of cream soda, licorice, and marzipan. A subtle, integrated oak presence progresses into silk-nap texture and, as it lingers, the wine turns quietly savory, with sprigs of cilantro, parsley, and fennel. The palate is carried by backbone of acidity through a long and polished finish, fully balanced, and evolving with every sip. - *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-in-all, 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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