



2016 CHARDONNAY BIEZE VINEYARD

VINEYARDS	100% Bieze Vineyard
VINIFERIA	100% Chardonnay, Clone 76
ALCOHOL	13.3%
TA	7.4 g.L-1
pH	3.24
PRODUCTION	283 cases

THE VINEYARD. *Bieze Vineyard is located on the east side of the Eola-Amity Hills AVA and neighbors Evening Land's acclaimed Seven Springs Vineyard. Well-draining Jory soil and a temperate climate are hallmarks of this site, producing fruit with focus and purity.*

The record-breaking 2016 vintage was Oregon's earliest from bud break, throughout the growing season and into harvest. Clusters were hand-picked at optimum maturity in the cool, early morning hours on September 12th and 16th. A 15% reduction in yield as well as the lack of excessive temperatures resulted in beautifully ripe, dense wines with moderate alcohol and bright acidity from this classic Oregon vintage.

WINEMAKING. *Gently whole-cluster pressed and racked clear, this Chardonnay was fermented at low temperatures for aromatic preservation and aged in varied vessels: 40% concrete tank to highlight acidity, 35% oak barrel (10% new, 5% Acacia) with targeted batonnage for enhanced texture, and 25% stainless steel barrels to preserve freshness and crisp acidity. Aged on the lees for 8 months.*

TASTING NOTES. *Stone fruit, fleshy golden apple and Bosc pear entwine with marzipan and cinnamon on the nose. Subtle aromas of bees wax and honey layer intricately with citrus peel and a subtle flinty component. Creamy on entry, a savory mid-palate is highlighted by notable acidity and tangy, barrel-driven flavors. The wine finishes with a graceful minerality, and bright notes of citrus peel.*

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