# SWEET CHEEKS 2021 ESTATE CHARDONNAY



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GOLDEN APPLE & VANILLA with a hint of CITRUS

### THE VINEYARD

Dry farmed and practicing organic | South Willamette Valley Estate grown and hand-harvested. Elevations range from 720 - 750 feet.

## THE HARVEST

64% of the wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks for aromatics and preserving the acidity. The other 36% was aged in French oak barrels for 15 months, 25% new and 75% neutral oak.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2021 harvest started out on the cool side, but stayed dry. We experienced a roller coaster of cool and heat waves in May and June. The remainder of the growing season was warmer than average, allowing us to harvest in mid-September.

### THE WINE

100% Chardonnay | Willamette Valley AVA Sweet Cheeks Vineyards

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\$32	5.2 gL	3.11	1.0 g/L	14%

"Traditionally I age close to 50% of our Chardonnay in French oak barrels." With the heat of the 2021 vintage, I wanted to preserve more of the freshness and acidity. This was accomplished through only a small percentage aging in oak. Chardonnay is a misunderstood varietal that is making a comeback with cool climate and balance with winemaking practices."

#### – Leo Gabica, Winemaker

P R O D U C T I O N	264 12 x 750ml cases
HARVEST DATE	September 26, 2021
BOTTLING DATE	March 22, 2023
RELEASE DATE	March 5, 2024



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