



SWEET CHEEKS WINERY & VINEYARD

2016 Chardonnay

APPELLATION : Willamette Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION : 100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATE(S) : September 9th-28th, 2016

VINEYARD SOURCES : Sweet Cheeks Winery & Vineyard, Chateau Bianca

COOPERAGE : 14 months in barrels using 22% new oak, 47% neutral and 32% stainless steel tank

BOTTLING DATE : February 14th, 2018

CASE PRODUCTION : 717 cases

WINE ANALYSIS : pH : 3.14 | TA : 6.2 g/L | Alcohol : 12.3%

TASTING NOTES

This fresh, yet complex Chardonnay offers a palate of pear and apple with a vibrant acidity. Leading into mineral notes along with hints of vanilla and cedar in the finish. This aromatic Chardonnay was partially fermented in stainless steel tanks to bring out fresh aromas and gains complexity from partially aging in oak barrels, using primarily neutral oak to bring out a light oak spice and vanilla flavors. This process created a nicely balanced Chardonnay with a bright acidity and smooth finish.

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HARVEST OVERVIEW

The 2016 growing season in Oregon mimicked the previous few vintages with one of the earliest bud breaks yet. Spring came quickly with warm days that turned into temperate summer months. Bloom saw a miniature heat wave that tapered the size and set of the fruit. Though the growing season got off to an early start, the more even summer temperatures slowed things and allowed the fruit to develop thoroughly with delectable complexity and intense flavor. The vintage resulted in, once again, extraordinary fruit quality, but with yields closer to pre-2014 vintages.

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Our passion is to create wines that reflect the beauty surrounding us in the Southern Willamette Valley. We believe in producing exceptional wines through gentle processing. Each vintage is unique and we invite you to experience it.

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Established as a vineyard in 1978, the 55 acre estate vineyard sits on 140 acres of prime sloping hillside in the Southern region of the Willamette Valley wine appellation.