

Domaine Drouhin

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2022 DOMAINE DROUHIN OREGON CHARDONNAY ARTHUR

DROUHIN FAMILY ESTATE CHARDONNAY, DUNDEE HILLS, OR

*Beginning with the 2019 vintage, Arthur is now a strict barrel selection.
As always, Véronique's goal is for Arthur to be equivalent to a premier cru wine.*

About: Our Chardonnay Arthur is produced from 100% Dijon clones, grown on the Drouhin Family Estate in the Dundee Hills of Oregon. First planted in 1990, the low yields of these vines and their early ripening ability have been a perfect match for our climate and soils. Arthur, named for Véronique's son, is a wine that captures the bright, crisp acidity and mineral character of the vineyard, balanced with richness and lovely length.

Winemaking: Our 2021 Chardonnay was hand-picked into small totes, and then whole-cluster pressed. It was partly fermented in French Oak barrels to reveal the complexity of the fruit through the slow breathing process that happens in wood. The rest was fermented and aged in stainless steel to keep the vibrancy and fruitiness. Véronique then blended these two portions to create a wine of a more delicate nature—Arthur. To Véronique, it's as if one brought together elements of a pure Chablis and an elegant Meursault.

2022 Vintage: The 2022 growing season began with great optimism. After a reasonable winter, bud break started in early April, right on schedule. Then, an unprecedented arctic air mass swept in, bringing snowfall, below-freezing temperatures, and the first-ever frost to impact our vineyards. Subsequent cool and damp conditions over the next few months caused sluggish vine growth, putting us 2-4 weeks behind by June. Mercifully, Mother Nature bestowed abundant sunshine and higher-than-average temperatures on us as harvest approached, resulting in a gentle conclusion to the season and excellent fruit ripeness.

Véronique's Tasting Notes: Our 2022 Chardonnay Arthur immediately focuses your attention with a fragrant nose of mandarin peel, vanilla blossoms, and honeysuckle. Nuanced flavors of lemongrass, white flowers, a hint of yuzu, and yellow plum all support the exquisite texture and well-defined structure. Of note: production was much lower than normal in 2022, which is a reflection of vintage conditions and also a testament to Véronique Drouhin's clear quality standards..



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