



# Oregon Chardonnay

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## Vintage Notes

Spring blossomed in 2009 gloriously warm boosting the vines into early budbreak. Summer stayed warm, punctuated by occasional rains, and set some record highs. We achieved almost record hang time in most vineyards with careful attention and a lot of work with many green thinning passes kept yields in line at an average of 2.5 tons per acre. It was a long harvest and the results can be tasted in the wines which exhibit elegance, beautiful balance and softness.

## Winemaking Notes

Oregon Chardonnay may be the most exciting story in American wine today. The Oregon wine industry worked over a decade to bring into the states the so-called Dijon clones from Burgundy. For the first time in the history of our country, Oregon is growing appropriate clones of Chardonnay in an appropriate climate and at an appropriate latitude (above the 45th parallel). The 2009 A to Z Chardonnay is blended from over seventeen vineyards to enhance complexity with different fruit aromatics and flavors. Malolactic fermentation was blocked to retain freshness and purity of fruit. The wine is aged in stainless steel to maintain brightness and showcase the nuances of the variety without oak influence.

## Tasting Notes

The 2009 A to Z Chardonnay opens with opulent aromas of citrus blossoms, white peach and pear, developing complexity with secondary notes of honey, lemon verbena and quince. The palate is poised with beautiful balance and structure and a concentrated attack emphasizing ripe citrus notes, mango and wet stone. The finish is focused with a steely sense of its Oregon origins clearly evident in the lingering flavors of minerals and white peaches.

This wine shows all the power of the 2009 vintage yet retains the brightness that Oregon Chardonnay is known for.



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