

# LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS



## 2019 CHARDONNAY CLASSIQUE

### THE VINTAGE

"The vintage came on early with some warm days in April and May. Bud-break was on par with recent years and on the whole the summer was warm without excessive heat spikes. Autumn was devoid of the strong high pressure systems we've been accustomed to in recent years. This compelled additional planning on the part of our winemakers and vignerons. The fall weather pattern became clear early—dry sunny days, punctuated by a showery spell, then more sun. Our harvest started on September 14th, and was focused on whites. With patience and planning—just getting into the rhythm of the season—confident that our experience, and the experience of all our growers, would be manifest in sound, ripe grapes. This was indeed the case and we finished the harvest with our highest elevation Mia Block Pinot Noir on October 11th, nearly a month after we started." — Executive Winemaker, Don Lange

### THE VINEYARD

This Chardonnay was produced with fruit from premier vineyards in Oregon's Northern Willamette Valley, including Freedom Hill, Durant, and Lange Estate vineyards.

### THE WINEMAKING

These grapes were hand-picked and hand-sorted. Only free run juice was collected to craft this wine, which was fermented in stainless steel allowing the Lange's to achieve a Chardonnay defined by fruit and terroir. Fermented in mostly neutral puncheons and stainless steel, malolactic fermentation was not encouraged in this wine, lending to its sprightly frame and balanced acid structure.

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Pale lemon yellow in the glass, the 2019 Chardonnay Classique is fresh and focused with layered aromas reminiscent of a bright spring day—dewy pear, yellow apple, and melon lie beneath lighter tones of hawthorn flower, crème fraîche, and granulated honey. The sensory arc of this wine is linear with a bright, mineral-infused spine. Lemon and lime pith converge at the close along with a streak of wet stone and pomace.

### ACCOLADES

2019 - 91 Points - "Editors' Choice" - Wine Enthusiast  
2018 - 90 Points - Wine Enthusiast  
2017 - 91 Points, "Editors' Choice" - Wine Enthusiast

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay  
**APPELLATION:** Willamette Valley  
**PRODUCTION:** 1,300 cases  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.2%  
**RETAIL:** \$19.00

