

LANGE

ESTATE WINERY & VINEYARDS

CHARDONNAY

2019 FREEDOM HILL VINEYARD



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. 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." — Executive Winemaker, Don Lange

THE VINEYARD

Our Dijon clone 76 block at Freedom Hill Vineyard was planted in 1998. Along with the Dusschee family, owners of Freedom Hill, our family has always loved this classic and noble varietal.

THE WINEMAKING

Only free run juice was collected to craft this wine, which was fermented and aged in two French oak puncheons, one neutral and one new. Two different yeast strains were also used in this small-lot, single vineyard Chardonnay, further lending to this wine's complexity and depth of character.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The 2019 vintage opens with impressive aromas of Saturn peach, pineapple, crème pâtissière, yellow roses, and acacia honey. It displays plenty of acidic verve as stone fruit and tropical fruit ripples through the core on through to a mouthwatering finish of baking spice and citrus.

ACCOLADES

2019 - 93 Points - "Cellar Selection" - Wine Enthusiast
2018 - 94 Points - James Suckling, 93 Points - Wine Enthusiast
2017 - 93 Points - James Suckling, 93 Points - Wine Enthusiast
2016 - 93 Points - "Editors' Choice" Wine Enthusiast

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION: Willamette Valley
PRODUCTION: 150 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.5%
RETAIL: \$65.00

