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CELLAR



2017 HOPE WELL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY *Eola-Amity Hills AVA*

VINTAGE

Bud break in 2017 started on a normal schedule in mid-April. The spring warmed up with record heat in late May that initiated flowering in most areas. A cool down in early June slowed flowering through the second and third week of the month then was followed by a few days of record high temperatures. July ramped up the heat moving the vintage rapidly to véraison. August was the warmest on record, but temperatures cooled by mid-September, leading to a slow, steady harvest. The resulting wines show bright acidity and beautifully balanced fruit.

VINEYARD

Hope Well Vineyard is located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, approximately 13 miles south of McMinnville. Owner Mimi Casteel's family has been in the Oregon wine business for ten generations. Mimi worked with her family at Bethel Heights Vineyard before she began farming Hope Well Vineyard in 2017. Organic and biodynamic, Hope Well is a southeast facing vineyard with a mix of Jory and Woodburn soils.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Hope Well Vineyard Chardonnay presents itself with notes of golden apple, white peach, pear and brioche. Integrated and expressive on the palate, rich flavors of butterscotch, pears and candied ginger are accentuated by bright acidity and subtle notes of toasty oak. The lengthy finish is highlighted with citrus and minerality with a hint of vanilla spice.

WINEMAKER'S DATA

VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION: Eola-Amity Hills AVA

HARVEST DATE: September 28, 2017

TERROIR: Woodburn and Jory soil

AGING: 11 months | French oak

FARMING: Organic and biodynamic

RELEASE DATE: Fall 2018

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

CASES PRODUCED: 320

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