

*Domaine Drouhin*

OREGON

## 2012 Domaine Drouhin Oregon *Chardonnay Arthur*

### *About the Chardonnay Arthur*

Our Chardonnay Arthur is produced from 100% Dijon clones, grown on the Drouhin Family Estate in the Dundee Hills of Oregon. First planted in 1992, these are among the oldest such vines in the new world. Their low yields and early ripening ability have been a perfect match for our climate and soils. Our Chardonnay first debuted with the 1996 vintage and was renamed in honor of Véronique Drouhin-Boss' son with the 2002 release. Arthur is a wine that captures the bright, crisp acidity and mineral character of the vineyard, balanced with richness and lovely length on the palate.

### *Winemaking*

Our 2012 Chardonnay was hand-picked into small totes, and then whole-cluster pressed. Half of the juice was fermented in French Oak barrels (30% new) to create a round, rich texture. The other half was fermented and aged in stainless steel. Véronique then blended these two portions to create a wine of a more delicate nature – Arthur. To Véronique, it as if one brought together elements of a pure Chablis and an elegant Meursault.

### *The Vintage*

2012 was an exciting growing season and we're thrilled with how delicious the wines are. The signature for the year was the extended dry period leading up to harvest and the overall warmth of the season. In contrast to the cooler 2010 and 2011 vintages, 2012 delivered gorgeous, ripe fruit, with wonderfully intense flavors.

### *Véronique's Tasting Notes*

2012 is shaping up to be an exceptional vintage given the overall quality of the fruit. The grapes came in bursting with flavour and that has given the wines a nice round texture and excellent flavors of fresh forward fruit. I can feel a little more body than either 2011 or 2010, but with no loss of floral aromatics or lightness on the palate. The finish is long. The 2012 Arthur is immediately enjoyable, though one could age it easily for 3-5 years.



### Harvest Dates

*October 3 - October 26*

### Bottling Date

*July 31, 2013*

2,500 Cases Produced

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