

Domaine Drouhin

OREGON

2014 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 1990, the low yields of these vines and their early ripening ability have been a perfect match for our climate and soils. Arthur, named for Véronique's son, is a wine that captures the bright, crisp acidity and mineral character of the vineyard, balanced with richness and lovely length.

Winemaking

Our 2014 Chardonnay was hand-picked into small totes, and then whole-cluster pressed. It was partly fermented in French Oak barrels to reveal the complexity of the fruit through the slow breathing process that happens in wood. The rest was fermented and aged in stainless steel to keep the vibrancy and fruitiness. 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

We're still in awe of the 2014 harvest, an intense, long, and very promising finish to what was an extraordinary year in the vineyards. We saw bud break in mid-April, a warmer than average spring led into an even, dry and often hot summer. Harvest began in mid-September under clear skies, which continued for a remarkable four straight weeks. Looking back, it seems like the perfect marriage of hard work and very good luck, two of a farmer's best friends.

Véronique's Tasting Notes

The 2014 Arthur embodies the fresh, ripe qualities of the vintage. On the nose, there is candied lemon peel, white flowers, and a touch of honey and vanilla. On the palate, the Arthur is medium-full bodied, with rich texture and excellent mouth weight. The wine is round, with great balance, finishing clean and long. While delicious now, you can easily enjoy this wine over the next 5 to 7 years.



Harvest Dates

September 12 - October 9

Bottling Date

August 2015

3,100 Cases Produced

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