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2020 WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Established in 2003, The Four Graces is committed to making rich, complex wines where the fruit may be elegantly expressed. The winery offers pinot noir as well as small amounts of pinot gris, pinot blanc and chardonnay. The wines are produced from our three estate vineyards — Foley Family Estate, Doe Ridge Estate, Weathergage Estate and other top sites in the Willamette Valley. Highly acclaimed, The Four Graces wines are hand-crafted in small lots using traditional techniques coupled with the most modern technology in winemaking.



VINTAGE

The winter of 2019 and 2020 was relatively mild and dry, which brought a cool spring with few frost events. We experienced rain during flowering, but this resulted in smaller berries and low crop yields. A warm summer was leading up to a small, but promising harvest. Due to high winds on Labor Day and wild fires across Oregon, this made for a very challenging harvest. Luckily, chardonnay has relatively low susceptibility to developing smoke taint compared to pinot noir. The chardonnay for this wine was mostly sourced from our estate vineyard in the Dundee Hills AVA with a small amount coming from a new planting at our estate vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

VINEYARD

The grapes for The Four Graces Chardonnay are sourced from two of our estate vineyards: Foley Family Estate Vineyards in the Dundee Hills AVA and Doe Ridge Estate in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Willamette Valley Chradonnay is a fantastic wine with beautiful, delicate aromas of stone fruit and lemon peel with soft hints of caramel and roasted almonds. The palate has a lively entry full of bright citrus that transitions into a creamy mid-palate with a touch of fresh baked bread. The finish is soft with a lingering minerality and notes of wet stone.

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation:	Willamette Valley
Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Aging:	15 months in 10% new French oak
Alcohol:	13.3%
pH:	3.3
TA:	6.1 g/L
Case production:	351

