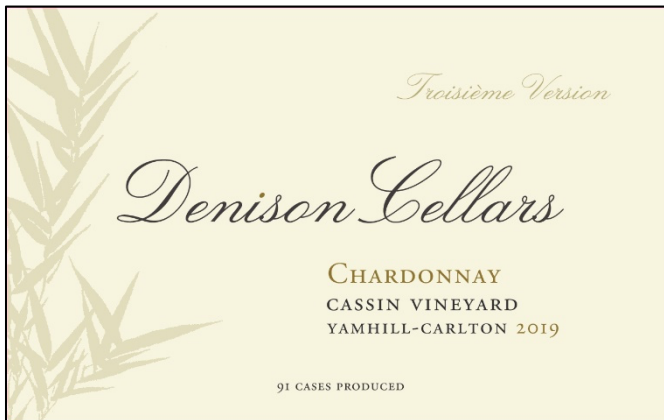


2019 DENISON CELLARS CASSIN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

YAMHILL - CARLTON AVA, OREGON



THE VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season got off to a normal start with budbreak occurring in mid-April. The growing season was cooler than recent vintages with more overcast days and warmer more humid nights. Flowering completed very quickly in mid-June and there were very few days over 90 degrees for the remainder of the summer. September featured significantly more precipitation than usual, and as harvest began picking was scheduled around rain events. The quality of the harvested fruit was extremely high, and

the fruit for this wine was harvested on October 12th.

THE WINE

The 2019 Chardonnay was produced in a style reminiscent of the fine wines made in Chablis. The fruit was whole-cluster pressed into French oak barrels and a stainless steel tank, where primary fermentation occurred over the next 30 days. Forty four percent of the wine remained in stainless steel for aging, with no malolactic fermentation occurring; the remaining fifty six percent was aged in one neutral French oak barrel and one second fill French oak barrel; malolactic fermentation was allowed to finish in twenty eight percent of the blend. The lees were lightly stirred every month during aging to add creaminess to the mid-palate texture.

Situated on an east facing slope between 580 and 600 feet of elevation, Cassin Vineyard is a L.I.V.E. certified vineyard planted with clone 76 and is located at the southern end of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. The wine displays flavors and aromas of Asian pear and winter pineapple, and hints of mineral and lemon-lime emerge with time. Bracing acidity combined with mid-palate creaminess from lees stirring creates a beautifully balanced wine.

Enjoy this delightful wine with Northwest fare; 91 cases were produced. To prevent any incidence of cork taint, it is bottled under a twist-off closure.

Harvest Date: October 12th

Brix: 22.5°

Final pH: 3.22

Final TA: 7.38 g/L

Alcohol: 13.2%

Production: 91 cases

Suggested Retail: \$30

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