

Day WINES



2016 Belle Pente Vineyard Chardonnay Yamhill Carlton

This steep, southwest-facing, 2-acre block produces some of the most gorgeous fruit in the valley, really earning the name "Beautiful Slope". The fine, mustard-yellow, well-draining Willakenzie soils are the remnants of an ancient seabed, ideal for ripening beautiful, balanced Chardonnay.

The 2016 vintage of our Belle Pente Vineyard Chardonnay is a chameleon. Initially, notes of orange peel citrus and spice suggest a decadent wine, but these quickly give way to cool and clean aromas of honeysuckle, wintergreen, and crushed oyster shell. It's reminiscent of a top-flight premier cru Chablis with bright, focused acidity supporting green apple and tangerine flavors. The wine's Chablisi enne side shows even more in the racy minerality that unfolds with air and carries through the long, vibrant finish. It's vineyards and wines like these that we hope will come to define Willamette Valley Chardonnay in the years ahead.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Vineyard: Belle Pente

AVA: Yamhill-Carlton

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Fermentation: Spontaneous, Neutral Barrel

 levage: 22 mos. French oak (33% new)

Alcohol: 12.75%: