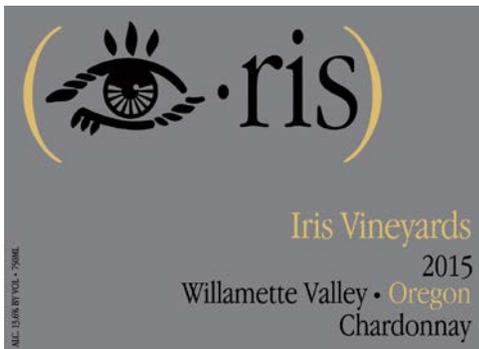


Iris Vineyards 2015 Willamette Valley Chardonnay



Tasting Notes: The color of this wine is reminiscent of morning sunlight. The nose is greeted by aromas of cherry blossom, orange zest, coconut and wild mushroom. The wine is texturally complex, richness is balance by tightly wound acidity leading to a smooth finish. In the mouth there are flavors of fig, almond peach backed by hints of mineral and oak.

Growing Season: Bud break began the last few days of March in 2015, the earliest ever at Chalice. The growing season was marked by a handful of warmer than average periods when the temperatures were at or above 90 degrees, reaching 100 a few days during August. The weather was warm and pleasant for bloom in mid- June which contributed to a uniform and quality fruit set. The cool nights, that are typical for our site and for our healthy soils, allowed our vines to weather the heat events of the summer with little to no stress. Late August and early September continued to be warmer than average; the elevation and Coast Range influence of our site kept the evenings cool and allowed the fruit to develop its flavor and acid. We harvest Pinot Noir for Rose on 9/15, Pinot Gris 9/19-9/26, Pinot noir one week into October, and finished with Chardonnay on 10/08. It was our earliest harvest until 2016

Cooperage: 90% French Oak, 10% American Oak, 15% new oak 10 months in cooperage

Vineyard Source: 58% Chalice Vineyard 42% Willamette Valley

Final Analysis: 12.3% alcohol; TA 5.7 g/L; pH 3.57

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Iris produces world-class, award winning wines from grapes grown at our Chalice Vineyard. The cool climate in the foothills of the Oregon Coast Range allows the grapes to mature slowly while maintaining the proper acid balance that is essential for producing the finest Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay.



Willamette Valley Appellation