

## 2018 FLOOD LINE CHARDONNAY

The counterpart to our Flood Line Pinot Noir - think of this as our appellation specific "reserve" level and in this case single vineyard - Eola-Springs Vineyard. Eola Springs Vineyard sits on the gusty side of the appellation, exposed to the coastal winds, but situated low enough on the hill to not be obliterated. These unique Chardonnay vines are the subject of some local folklore - once identified as Mendoza clone, but in fact a massale selection of Wente clonal material from the vineyard's original planting in 1972.



## **VINEYARDS**

VITICULTURAL AREA

Eola-Amity Hills AVA

GROWER/OWNER

Owned by Judy Jordan's Capra Company

SOIL TYPE

Carlton soil series - old sedimentary

VINE AGE

Planted in 1984 - 35 year old vines

VINEYARD SIZE

The two Chardonnay block cover about 2 acres, AVERÆN contracts approximately one third of the blocks.

ASPECT/ELEVATION

Southwest aspect at 400' elevation

## **WINEMAKING**

VARIETIES

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST

September 24th

**FERMENTATION** 

Native yeast in 50% new French oak and 50% neutral barrels. The wine completed malolactic fermentation.

AGING

10 months in Remond, Damy, & Stockinger

LABS

14% ABV 3.5pH 6.3 TA

UPC PRODUCTION 853868006574 150 cases

## **TASTING NOTES**

Spicy sandalwood and dried apricot aromas on the nose. A full-bodied Chardonnay with viscous texture and elegant wood tannin structure. Flavors of pit fruits (white peach especially) and marzipan dominate this an incredibly complex and cellar-worthy selection.