

Kelley Fox Wines Willamette Valley Chardonnay 2022

I'm happy to offer you the second vintage of this Chardonnay bottling produced from young vines from a vineyard I love and respect tremendously: Freedom Hill Vineyard. Because these vines are very young, I've put them in a label drawn by my younger daughter, Violet, depicting a snowy owl about to light onto a Western hemlock branch. As these vines mature, they will increasingly transmit the unique place on earth that they are in relationship with. I'm eager to grow and learn with these vines on their path to becoming my Freedom Hill Vineyard Chardonnay.

Beautiful pale lemon yellow in appearance, this Chardonnay is brilliant and transparent in the glass. The nose has hints of vanilla, tropical fruits, and soft minerals and is bracingly fresh. The mouth mirrors the nose, and there's plenty of acidity to balance the fruit without being excessive. The texture and finish are smooth and pleasing, but in no way bring any heaviness. There's the energy of a delicious alpine wine.

Appellation: Willamette Valley A.V.A.

Picking Date: 3 October 2022

Barrels: No barrels. Primary and malolactic fermentation along with elévage in stainless tank.

Bottling Date: 25 April 2023

Alcohol: 13.0 %

Cases Produced: (344) cases