



## Tasting Notes

Aromas of tropical fruit, toasted coconut and lemon pie lead to tastes of honey-suckle and passion fruit with a clean, bright finish.

## The Historic 108 Clone

This Chardonnay is crafted from select clones, with the historic 108 clone being dominant. Diligent viticultural practices of maintaining a low cluster count per plant and leaf pulling, allowed the grapes to mature to an optimal sugar level.

## Vinification

Harvest: 10/01/2014

Brix at Harvest: 22

pH: 3.47

Alcohol: 12.5%

Residual Sugar: 0.4 g/L

Aging: 9 Months

Barrels: 100% French Oak

Year Planted: 1971

AVA: McMinnville

## The Vintage

The 2014 vintage has the richness and power of 2012 but the restraint and balance of 2013. While the 2013-2014 winter may have started out as cold and wet followed by a wet and warm spring, the hot and dry summer allowed for an ideal, if not early, harvest. These seasonal characteristics led to bud-break, bloom and harvest all occurring close to two weeks earlier than usual. Despite the early progression, the warm temperatures led to even cluster development and a beautiful balance between sugar levels and structure in the berries. This resulted in deeply concentrated wines with luscious fruit flavor profiles. Warmer vintages may have the potential for high sugar and pH levels that produce wines that are stylistically different in both regional and varietal character. However, it is safe to say that 2014 may be one of the finest and most harmonious vintages in the history of Willamette Valley.

## History of Hyland Vineyard

In 1971, four families teamed up to plant Pinot Noir vines on a breathtaking perch set at 600-800 feet in the foothills of Oregon's Coastal Range. The soils were a mix of volcanic Jory and Nekia. Daytime highs were cooler than the rest of Willamette Valley. But at night, the temperature plummeted, as cool breezes pushed through the valley.

In 2007, the Hyland Vineyard was acquired by Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu in partnership with John Niemeyer. Together they are working to optimize the existing vineyard quality and honor its past by introducing the first estate wines. For decades, the fruit from the vineyard has produced many award-winning wines from benchmark producers under their own labels and this legacy continues today.

