



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
Oregon

APPELLATION
Willamette Valley

SOIL TYPE
Volcanic

VARIETAL(S)
100% Chardonnay

FARMING
Organic

WINEMAKER
Andrew Riechers



2022 Audeant Seven Springs Vineyard Chardonnay

IMPORTED BY IPO Wines

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

After moving from Eugene, Oregon where he grew up, Andrew learned to love cellar work in Santa Barbara assisting in the production of bulk wines in a large facility. He quickly realized that there was much more connected and lovely work out there in the wine world, and he was hired as the cellar master at Summerland Winery. He then moved along to be the first employee at Sanguis, where his idealistic bent toward the craft of winemaking was cultivated. After four years in California, Oregon called him home where he assisted Jim Prosser at JK Carriere Wines for two years. The following year was divided between Ted Lemon's project in New Zealand, Burn Cottage, and Burgundy in the Haute Cote working for Claire Naudin at Domaine Naudin Ferrand. Finally, he spent five years as the assistant winemaker at Antica Terra and Lillian with Maggie Harrison prior to joining and founding Audeant Wines with Proprietor, Teal Walker, in 2016. 2022 is his twentieth harvest, and fourteenth in Oregon.

WINE NOTES

Seven Springs was originally planted in 1983 on an east facing slope in the Eola-Amity Hills. Over the years it has produced some of Oregon's most iconic wines in the deft hands of a great lineage of stewards, currently Sashi Moorman and Raj Parr of Evening Land. It is farmed biodynamically without irrigation by Jessica Cortell. They are grateful to work with one half acre of Chardonnay on the south ridge.

Gratitude is a practice, a daily choice. Should we not endeavor to always be grateful? We are breathing and we are moving forward and there is so much beauty. My goodness though, 2022 was an eventful vintage. The growing season found creative ways to test us, new and exciting twists that left generations of vintners who've preceded us to clap their hands to their heads and exclaim "We have never seen THIS before!" An April frost after a relatively early bud break is a once every 50 years type of event. It remained cool and wet, leading many to fear the worst as vines were slow to recover from the cold. At long last, summer arrived and brought with it its warm spells, but it would take a miracle at this point to accumulate the warmth necessary to bring us to ripeness in advance of the always impending Oregon rain.

In my twentieth year of tying my fortune to the whims of Nature, I have learned just enough to know that the living breathing world around us is a miracle in and of itself. September and October were warm and dry, again a nearly unprecedented series of events. As we diligently sorted the arriving fruit, new challenges arose, the unfamiliar, the confounding and the delightful.

These wines reflect their long journey, they radiate from their cores, alternating layer upon layer of exuberant fruit and resounding stone. They required work, theirs was a roiling nascency, it was our job to guide them to serenity. Loading them onto the truck after bottling felt like sending a child to college, the child you did not know would find their path. No need to worry, their inner fire has been lit and they are for the world now. Everything that could be was poured into them, they will take that love, transform it and it will become yours.

The 2022 Seven Springs Chardonnay, our latest missive to the dialogue surrounding this magical vineyard arrives just at the cusp of fruited richness that defines our own boundaries. That depth is buttressed by a flinty, bracing acidity, and a crystalline salinity reminiscent of our favorite alpine cheese.