



2021 WHITES

Cuvée Lucille Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Just enough reduction to mask the fine details though there does appear to be a whiff of the exotic on the white fleshed fruit and citrus confit-suffused nose. The rich, supple and pliant medium-bodied flavors possess good vivacity and volume while displaying reasonable depth and persistence on the mildly warm finale. This could be enjoyed young or after a few years of keeping.

90 pts- Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, 3rd Quarter 2024, issue 95

Made with fruit from an old vine block of Freedom Hill Vineyard, this is a brilliant new wine from Walter Scott. The Lucille leads with peach and lemon aromas, flanked by bits of orange pith and cashew butter. Flavors like pineapple and blood orange slices drizzled in sea salt meld with cumin seeds. Juicy, live wire acidity and a crisp texture fuels it all.

96 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, July 1, 2024

The Lucille is a flashy Chardonnay, a flex of sorts by Ken Pahlow and Erica Landon of Walter Scott. With full malo and 75% new oak, this wine pulsates with energy and verve. Chipped flint aromatics and briny oyster shells embrace the reductive winemaking at hand, framing dusty lemon drop and a touch of lime pith. A savory depth of the grilled lemon peel, seawater and crushed stone.

97 pts- Clive Pursehouse, Decanter, February 28, 2024

X Saxa Vineyard Aligoté, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Aligoté X Saxa Vineyard opens with alluring matchstick reduction that complements a deep core of ripe golden apple, lime candy, beeswax and marzipan—there's depth, ripeness and exotic floral hint on the nose despite the zippy palate. Light-bodied, laser fresh and streaked with chalky and flinty character, it has a creamy texture and a very energetic finish with expansive savory layers. A lovely rendition of Aligoté with a depth of flavor that nods to its sunny origins. Drink date: 2023-2028.

93 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

Cuvée Anne Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Cuvée Anne opens with an engaging blend of savory lime zests, mint and hints of chamomile complicating green apples. Soft and round, this flows across the palate with a mineral-tinged combination of ripe orchard fruits and liquid stone. Zesty and citrus-tinged, it finishes with a subtle tension while leaving the palate perfectly refreshed. This is a great introduction to the Walter Scott style at a more digestible price point.

92 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

The 2021 Chardonnay Cuvée Anne is purely scented of quince, beeswax and saline with accents of acacia flowers. The light-bodied palate is electric and flinty, with its deep, youthful fruit uncoiling slowly, and it has a long, shimmery finish. It will take plenty of time in the bottle to unwind.

95+ pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

A whimsically light and airy Chardonnay, a barrel selection across many of their favourite Willamette Valley sites. Aromas of white flowers, bee pollen and petrichor are accented with notes of cut green apple and peach skin. The palate is saline driven, with a note of smoky flint and delivers a depth of fruit from cut early-season pear and apricot skin.

94 pts- Decanter, Clive Pursehouse, May 2023

La Combe Verte Chardonnay, Willamette Valley 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay La Combe Verte opens from matchstick to intense peach perfume and nuances of beeswax, almonds and acacia. The medium-bodied palate explodes with layer after layer of powerful fruit, delivered in a luxuriously silky texture and tempered by focused acidity. The Combe Verte offers fantastic length, concentration and energy. Drink date 2024-2034.

96 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

Abundant in tangy, sun-struck citrus and green plum flavours, La Combe Verte is the bright-fruited, eager-to-please younger sibling to this producer's more reserved Cuvée Anne. Augmented with 2% Aligoté and fermented in French oak (but just 20% new) via ambient yeast, it's a lively, crystalline wine with a zingy lime pith finish.

93 pts- Anna Lee C. Lijama, Decanter, February 19, 2023

Freedom Hill Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Freedom Hill Vineyard opens with a dusty bouquet, blending young peach, kiwi skins, ground ginger nuances, sage and wet stone. Silky, medium-weight textures wash across the palate, taking on a stern mineral inflection as juicy acidity enlivens its tart orchard fruits. The 2021 tapers off remarkably fresh, nearly crispy in feel with a floral thrust and lingering saline tinge. The Freedom Hill is a crowd-pleaser but should not be overlooked by the more serious collectors because this beauty is built to age.

95 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

A stunning wine from the iconic Freedom Hill vineyard in the Mount Pisgah AVA. It balances savoury brilliance with finely etched seaspray minerality. A reductive, smoky flint aromatic opens and morphs into saline notes, beeswax and petrichor alongside a grilled lemon peel note. The palate walks a razor's edge of oyster shell minerality, savoury grilled salt, and beeswax notes. Powerful, beautiful and undeniably full of joy.

97 pts- Decanter, Clive Pursehouse, May 2023

A tank sample, the 2021 Chardonnay Freedom Hill Vineyard balances mineral character and racy acidity with surprisingly intense, exotic fruit. The nose offers grilled peach, elderflower, tarragon and ginger aromas with streaks of matchstick. Light-bodied and electric, the palate is packed with fragrant flavor layers, and it finishes long and flinty. I can't wait to see how this powerful, expressive Chardonnay comes together in bottle!

96-98 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

The 2021 Chardonnay Freedom Hill displays more pronounced flinty reduction up front at this stage, with green apple, thyme, and fresh herbs. The palate is elegant and textured, with lemon curd, light baking spice, and white flowers. It is pure and crystalline in nature.

93-95 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

The following has also reviewed this wine:

94 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, September 1, 2023

Justice Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Savory to the core and seductively mineral, the 2021 Chardonnay Justice Vineyard keeps the glass in motion to take in its wild blend of dried florals, ground ginger, raw almonds and baked apples. This is texturally thrilling, silky and weighty at first, with stimulating acidity and a salty tinge to its ripe orchard fruits. It tapers off with a pretty inner sweetness perfectly contrasted by a saline touch and green citrus zests. Wow.

96 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

The 2021 Chardonnay Justice Vineyard opens with heavy matchstick aromas over a core of ripe lemon, orange and wildflower notes. The medium-bodied palate has expansive flavors, focused acidity and a long, shimmery finish. It will take plenty of time in the cellar to unwind.

94+ pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 19, 2023

[I]s not shy with flinty reduction, ripe with pear and tropical fruit of papaya and melon. The palate is long and floral, with ripe peach, orange flowers, and oak spice that frame the fruit attractively.

96-98 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

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Koosah Farms Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Koosah Vineyard wafts up with a seductively delicate blend of white smoke and dusty sage, complementing crushed green apples. A sensation of liquid stone, minerally intense, smooths over the palate with white pit fruits and savory herbal tones resonating toward the close. This is salty to the core, potent, sapid and long, leaving a lingering flourish of lime. Stunning and stimulating. The 2021 is the first vintage of Koosah Vineyard Chardonnay at Walter Scott. It's not to be missed. There is serious potential here.

94+ pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

The 2021 Chardonnay Koosah Vineyard—the first iteration of this single vineyard wine from Walter Scott—is already impressive from tank. Youthful hints of matchstick give way to intense aromas of white peach, jasmine, spring butter and crushed almonds. The medium-bodied palate balances layers of perfumed fruit with electric acidity, and its satiny, mouth-coating texture drives a very long finish. This Chardonnay offers an intoxicating combination of power and energy, and I can't wait to see how it performs from bottle.

97-99 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

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93 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, September 1, 2023

X Novo Vineyard Chardonnay, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Spicy and floral, the 2021 Chardonnay X Novo Vineyard blossoms in the glass with a complex, mineral-tinged blend of ginger-spiked apples, lime zests and sage. Luxuriously silky and soothing with medium-weight textures and depths of ripe pit fruits, this excels with tenacity and brisk acids that lift the experience despite the sheer intensity within. A burst of tart citrus saturates the palate, puckering the cheeks and leaving a salty staining as a subtle tannic tug adds perfect punctuation. While powerful and broad, the balance here is spellbinding.

97 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

This is a staggering example of Oregon's prowess when it comes to Chardonnay. Sophisticated, racy and electrifying, along with any other superlatives you care to throw at it. Aromas of crushed chalk and mid-summer petrichor give over to early-season stone fruit and green mango highlight the lean style Ken Pahlow embraces with his Chardonnays. There's an underlying reductive note of gunpowder along the way. The palate is finely etched. Filigreed notes of seafoam, bruised apple and lemongrass. This wine gives so much.

97 pts- Decanter, Clive Pursehouse, May 2023

The palate is pure, with ripe peach, lemon curd, and salty earth, and the texture is long and persistent, with great clarity. There is so much to love about this wine.

96-98 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

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98 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, September 1, 2023

Hyland Vineyard Chardonnay, Willamette Valley 2021

[I]s lifted with flint, green apple, wet stone, and pineapple. The palate is concentrated with green apple, lime, baking spice, and a light phenolic finish. It has a lingering perfume on the palate, and this is a fantastic wine to drink over the next ten or more years.

93-95 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

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Sojeau Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Bright, deep and elegant, the 2021 Pinot Noir Sojeau Vineyard is scented of wild berries, mossy bark, cinnamon and shiitake mushroom. The light-bodied palate is silky and mouthwatering with concentrated fruit, a sheen of youthful new oak and a long, spicy finish. The wine gains detail and expression hours and days after the bottle has been opened, so give it several hours in a decanter or a few more years in the bottle.

95 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

Planted on the rocky slope above the iconic Eola Springs Vineyard in 2007, this is a special wine. A beautifully made Pinot Noir from the Sojeau Vineyard that shows elegance that begins in its aromatics and carries through from its flavour profile to its texture. The aromas of cassia bark, soft violets, fresh mint and turned earth lead into a palate of rounded red and black fruits, clove, cola and a strawberry balsamic note. It's wonderful.

96 pts- Decanter, Clive Pursehouse, May 2023

[I]s perfumed with violets, pine, and red and black cherry fruit. It has tension and fresh crunchy fruit on the palate, with gripping structure, a long finish, and notes of ripe raspberry, turned earth, and cinnamon spice.

93-95 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

X-Novo Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Pinot Noir X Novo Vineyard has pure scents of raspberries, strawberries, tea leaves, dried flowers and botanical undertones that add a lot of complexity to the aromatic profile. The light-bodied palate is silky and mouthwatering with highly detailed, floral fruit and a long, flinty finish. It drinks beautifully now yet will age gracefully over the next 10-15 years.

97 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

[I]s being aged in approximately 20-25% new oak and reveals pretty aromatics of black raspberry liqueur, pine, and crushed flowers. The palate is youthfully structured with ripe blackberry, turned earth, and purple flowers.

94-96 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

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95 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, September 1, 2023

94 pts- Wine & Spirits, Summer 2023

Temperance Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Temperance Hill Pinot Noir opens with some pleasant tones of matchstick that give way to lush wild berry perfume and notes of dried lavender, mossy bark and Angostura bitters. The light-bodied palate is silky, pure and bright with nuanced, earthy fruit and a long, spicy finish.

95 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

[I]s sourced from 31-year-old vines and offers spicy aromatics of licorice, fresh cherry, and pine. The palate is fresh with ripe strawberries, wild herbs, and crushed flowers.

94-96 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

Justice Vineyard Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Pale ruby purple, the 2021 Pinot Noir Justice Vineyard is rubbery to begin on the nose. With air, it blossoms to sour cherry, red plum and dried cranberries with nuances of matchstick, Angostura bitters, potpourri and mushrooms. The light-bodied palate is bright and detailed, with a super-slick, juicy mouthfeel and long, spicy finish. It feels a touch austere and could blossom with another year or two in bottle.

93 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

[I]s reductive at this stage out of the barrel. Underneath, it is fragrant with wild cherry and dried roses. It has a great iron-rich texture, and I look forward to revisiting this.

92-94 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

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93 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, September 1, 2023

Koosah Farms Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

The 2021 Pinot Noir Koosah Vineyard, still in barrel, has a medium ruby purple color and pure scents of pomegranate, rhubarb and cranberry with accents of leather, mushrooms, tobacco leaves and orange peel. Medium-bodied, finely chalky and fresh, it has powerful, earthy fruit and a long, layered finish.

94-96 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

[I]s from one of the highest elevation sites in the Eola-Amity Hills, a biodynamically farmed vineyard on a steep hillside. The nose is mineral with rocky earth, red and black fruits, and tarragon, while the palate offers ripe black raspberry, cherry, and baking spice, with some gripping structure that will take time to unwind.

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95 pts- Wine & Spirits, Summer 2023

Freedom Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2021

A gorgeous Pinot Noir from Mount Pisgah AVA's Freedom Hill Vineyard. Pungent floral and earthen aromatics open with violets, sage and turned topsoil. The palate is fresh and lively yet refined. Flavours of pomegranate mingle with umami-driven truffle, forest floor and evergreen tips. Yet another Freedom Hill designate from Walter Scott that is beautiful to behold.

96 pts- Clive Pursehouse, Decanter, May 2023

The 2021 Freedom Hill Pinot Noir from barrel has a medium ruby-purple color and scents of cranberry, pomegranate and orange peel, unfolding to accents of pipe tobacco, tar, tea leaves and dried herbs. The light-bodied palate is delicately styled, offering fragrant, crunchy fruit, soft, grainy tannins and bright bursts of acidity.

95-97 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

[I]s lifted with wild raspberry, cinnamon, and fresh pine. The palate is dry and structured with a hint of iron-rich earth as well as notes of ripe red cherry and orange peel.

94-96 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

Sequitur Vineyard Pinot Noir, Ribbon Ridge 2021

The 2021 Sequitur Vineyard Pinot Noir is broody to begin and opens up over several days from dark fruit to more detailed notes of raspberry, rose petals, cinnamon, tobacco leaves and mushroom. The palate has a silky texture, highly concentrated and detailed fruit, mouthwatering acidity that calls you back for another sip and a long, spicy finish. Give it time in bottle or a few hours in a decanter.

96 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

[I]s spicy with pepper, black raspberry, and violet. The palate is open and charming, with lots of florality on the finish.

93-95 pts- Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, August 2022 (barrel sample)

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94 pts- Michael Alberty, Wine Enthusiast, September 1, 2023

La Combe Verte Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley 2021

Medium ruby-purple, the 2021 Pinot Noir La Combe Verte offers bright blueberry and cranberry on the nose with touches of flint, tar, lavender and juniper. The light-bodied palate is chalky and refreshing with elegant, earthy fruit and a long, perfumed finish. 1,200 cases of this elegant Pinot Noir were made. Drink date 2023-2033.

95 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, March 2023

Cuvée Ruth Pinot Noir, Eola-Amity Hills 2021

After popping the cork, the 2021 Pinot Noir Cuvée Ruth takes significant time to really open its aromas of raspberry jam and briary fruit, allspice, forest floor and mossy bark. The light-bodied palate features concentrated, floral fruit, a silky texture and generous acidity, and it has a long, spicy finish. It's open and ready to drink!

96 pts- Erin Brooks, The Wine Advocate, October 2023

This bottling is a blend crafted to highlight the brilliance of the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. Pinot Noir from Seven Springs, Sojeau, Temperance Hill, and X Novo Vineyards shows savoury character and minerality, signatures to the Eola-Amity Hills. A smoky flint aromatic leans into blood orange peel, pomegranate molasses and purple floral aromas. The palate is wildly savoury, with a melange of dried herbs, fresh fennel, liquorice, and a touch of crushed stone minerality haloed by fresh mint to finish.

94 pts- Clive Pursehouse, Decanter, May 2023