

Division Winemaking Co.

Willamette Valley



Willamette Valley Chardonnay Un 2022

The 2022 Chardonnay “Un” from Division Wines is made from fruit that is grown organically or biodynamically, sourced from several vineyards across the Willamette Valley. The wine comes in at twelve percent octane in this vintage and offers up a lovely and gently reductive nose of apple, lemon, a touch of iodine, almond, a fine base of soil tones and just a whisper of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core, good soil transparency, zesty acids and a long, poised and beautifully balanced finish. This is drinking quite stylishly out of the blocks, but clearly has the structure to also age quite gracefully. 2024-2035.

91+ pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

The 2022 Chardonnay Un is earthy in style as flowery underbrush and hints of white smoke blow off, revealing dried apples and sage. It’s soothingly round with cooling acids and a savory orchard fruit core, taking on a salty tinge toward the close. This leaves the mouth watering as hints of raw almond and a liquid stone sensation slowly fade.

91 pts – Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

The following has also reviewed this wine:

90 pts – Audrey Frick, jebdunnuck.com, August 2024

Eola-Amity Hills Chardonnay Quatre 2022

The 2022 Royer Vineyard bottling of chardonnay from Division Wine Company is another excellent young wine. The wine is barrel-fermented in puncheons with indigenous yeasts and aged in the same vessels for ten months without racking until just a month prior to bottling. The wine comes in at 12.3 percent octane and was bottled without fining or filtration. The wine is a touch reductive when first opened, but with a bit of swirling blossoms to offer a quite Meursault-like blend of pear, apple, iodine, lovely notes of hazelnut, a complex base of soil tones, fruit blossoms and a nice framing of buttery oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and quite refined in profile, with a good core, lovely soil inflection, bouncy acids and fine length and grip on the poised, complex and well balanced finish. This is delicious juice! 2024-2040.

93 pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

Distinctly savory and mineral in style, the 2021 Chardonnay Quatre opens with a burst of crushed stone, giving way to young peach and savory herbs. It sweeps across the palate with crisp orchard fruits offset by gingery spice as tantalizing acidity peppers the senses. This tapers off long yet remarkably fresh, leaving hints of tart nectarine and lingering salty flourish.

92 pts – Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

Willamette Valley “La Frontière” Sauvignon Blanc 2022

Ripe and rounded with the lush perfume of ripe currants, pine needles, and mango skin. Rounded, ripe, and medium-bodied, with mouth-filling juicy pineapple notes and a salty finish, it’s a solid and food-friendly wine that takes on a more serious nature than a lean quaffer.

89 pts – Audrey Frick, The Wine Advocate, September 2023

Béton 2022

Primary and inviting, the 2022 Division Villages Beton American Red Wine is ripe with a floral perfume of violets, blackberry, blue fruit, and dark soil. Medium to full-bodied, with good freshness and a poppy fruit character, it offers fine tannins, a light stemmy texture, and granitic earth. It’s super-versatile and perfect for youthful fresh drinking.

89 pts – Audrey Frick, The Wine Advocate, September 2023

Willamette Valley Pinot Noir “Un” 2022

Lifted and energetic on opening, the 2022 Pinot Noir Un pours a medium red hue and has minerallaced aromas of graphite, preserved cranberries, red cherries, orange zest, and clove. Linear and medium-framed, it offers fine tannins and a clean, zesty lift of acidity on the finish. Balanced, with a delicate, juicy feel, it is a very charming wine to enjoy over the next 2-4 years.

90 pts – Audrey Frick, jebdunnuck.com, August 2024

Made from fruit sourced from six different vineyards scattered across the Willamette Valley, with the Cassin Vineyard making up sixty percent of the blend. All of these vineyards are farmed either organically or biodynamically. The wine was aged for ten months in oak, in a combination of Burgundy casks and puncheons, and tips the scales at a svelte 13.1 percent octane in this vintage. It offers up a lovely, perfumed bouquet of red and black cherries, violets, a touch of cocoa powder, a lovely base of soil, woodsmoke, lovely spice tones and a gentle framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and quite accessible out of the blocks, with a nicely sappy core, good soil undertow and grip, fine-grained tannins and a long, well balanced and complex finish. This wine will be even better with four or five years in the cellar, but it is already pretty tasty. 2024-2050

90+ pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

The 2022 Pinot Noir Un is remarkably pretty, with a lifted blend of dusty rose and violet pastille accentuating dried strawberries. This model of purity is lifted and refined with crisp red and blue fruits swirling across a stream of brisk acidity. The 2022 leaves a coating of fine-grained tannins and a tart wild berry concentration, tapering off structured and remarkably fresh.

92 pts – Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

Willamette Valley Pinot Noir “Deux” 2022

The ungrafted, biodynamically-farmed pinot noir vines in the Eola Springs Vineyard were more than fifty years of age, but phylloxera has now taken them and they were grubbed up after the 2022 vintage. Kate Norris and Thomas Monroe started working with pinot from this vineyard in their first vintage of 2010 and have fashioned an absolutely stellar final vintage from these lovely old vines. The wine comes in at 13.6 percent octane for its swan song and offers up a beautifully complex bouquet of cherries, red plums, pomegranate, raw cocoa, gamebird, a beautiful base of soil, peonies, roses and a deft touch of oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and properly structured, with a lovely core of red fruit, excellent soil signature, a youthful touch of whole clusters, ripe tannins and a long, well-balanced and still quite youthful finish. This is going to demand some patience in the cellar for its tannins to soften up, but it will be a lovely bottle when it is ready to drink. 2034-2065.

92+ pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

The 2022 Pinot Noir Deux captivates, blending delicate notes of wild strawberry and dusty violets with clove, allspice and sage bass tones. It floods the palate with silken textures and ripe wild berries complicated by hints of blood orange and a bitter tinge of savory spice. It finishes with remarkable length, leaving crunchy tannins and a pleasantly chewy sensation, all under an air of lavender and incense. Spellbinding is the word.

94 pts – Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

Temperance Hill Vineyard Eola Amity Hills Pinot Noir “Trois” 2022

Division Wine Company’s “Trois” bottling of pinot noir hails from the organically-farmed Temperance Hill Vineyard in 2022. Their block of vines was planted in 2002 and produced a wine that comes in at an even fourteen percent alcohol in this vintage. The wine’s bouquet is deep, pure and black fruity in personality, wafting from the glass in a mix of black cherries, sweet dark berries, bitter chocolate, woodsmoke, dark soil tones, violets, a gentle touch of sweet stem tones and a discreet framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and very elegant in profile, with a deep core of sappy fruit, lovely soil signature, fine-grained tannins and excellent balance and grip on the long and complex finish. With a bit of hibernation time in the cellar, this is going to be a stellar bottle of pinot noir. 2035-2075.

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Armstrong Vineyard Ribbon Ridge Pinot Noir “Cinq” 2022

Of the fine roster of 2022 pinot noirs I tasted from Kate Norris and Thomas Monroe at Division Wine Company, their Armstrong Vineyard bottling is the lowest octane this year, coming in at 12.6 percent octane. The wine is precise and nicely black fruity on the nose, offering up a complex mix of black cherries, sweet dark berries, raw cocoa, dark soil tones, gamebird, gentle spice tones, woodsmoke and a lovely, understated framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, fullish, complex and intensely flavored, with a good core, fine focus and balance and a long, moderately tannic and tangy finish. This will be a very classy middleweight once it has a chance to soften up its backend tannins. 2034-2075.

92 pts – John Gilman, View from the Cellar, May-June 2024

Gamay Noir “Les Petits Fers” 2022

The 2022 Gamay Noir Les Petits Fers is floral and ripe with notes of mixed berry fruit, pepper, wet stone, and crushed flowers. Medium-bodied, with an elegant and silky mouthfeel, fresh acidity, and fine tannins, it has a lively note of pepper spice on the palate, and I really enjoy its poppy freshness.

90 pts – Audrey Frick, The Wine Advocate, September 2023

Willamette Valley Gamay Noir “Lutte” 2022

The 2022 Gamay Noir Lutte is a total pleasure, opening with an earthy blend of crushed black raspberries, sage and white pepper. It's deeply textural with a silken wave of ripe red and blue fruit complicated by saline minerals and inner roses. This tapers off with tension, the chalky tannins leaving a tart raspberry tinge, adding to its youthful tension. This serious Gamay is currently demanding a short stay in the cellar.

91 pts – Eric Guido, Vinous Media, January 2024

L'Orange Skin Contact 2022

An orange wine, the 2022 L'Orange Skin Contact American White Wine pours a deep salmon color with a hint of copper and is a blend of eight grapes: Pinot Gris, Riesling, Roussanne, Chenin Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Aligoté. Highly perfumed with wild tropical flowers, apricot, cardamom, and fresh basil, it's medium-bodied, with a ripe structure and pure notes of golden orchard fruit that fill the palate. A very attractive wine, it's on the clean side of the spectrum even though it has a hazy unfiltered appearance.

90 pts – Audrey Frick, The Wine Advocate, September 2023