

Violin Eola-Amity



Chardonnay “Sojeau Vineyard” Eola-Amity Hills 2021

Will Hamilton's bottling from Sojeau is arresting, luminous, full of rich flavor but remaining focused. It starts out clean and honeyed, a golden apple juiciness at its core flavors. With air, a lees note emerges, clear and savory, lending complexity and length.

92 pts- Wine & Spirits, October 2023

Chardonnay “Black Walnut Vineyard” Dundee Hills 2021

This starts off savory and nutty, with a clean, contained lees note overlaying orange blossom and caramel. It's fleshy and very elegant, with a cool austerity and nutty mineral length. For banh mi.

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Chardonnay Willamette Valley 2021

The 2021 Chardonnay Willamette Valley opens in the glass with a pretty blend of crushed yellow apples, spring flowers and wet stone, complemented by hints of ground ginger. It soothes with its soft textures and ripe orchard fruits as a gentle tinge of savory spice adds contrast, all guided by a core of juicy acidity. This becomes saline, nearly salty and almost flinty in character, as a lemony concentration lingers, leaving the palate completely refreshed. Fantastic.

93 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Violin's Willamette in 2021 is just as it should be: forward attention-getting, pretty. It leads with soft scents of golden apple and pear; lush and a touch sweet when first poured, becoming firm and lively with air. That golden apple flavor is given a touch of nougat savor, solid and balanced.

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Pinot Noir Polk County 2021

Dark and brooding, the 2021 Pinot Noir Polk County Cuvée mixes flowery underbrush with autumnal spices and dried black cherries to form its bouquet. This blends savory and sweet, with wild berry fruits and inner rose tones elevated by a tinge of sour citrus and exotic spice. The 2021 firms up nicely through the finish as hints of blackberry and an air of lavender linger atop a bed of edgy tannins.

92+ pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024

Pinot Noir Sojeau Vineyard 2021

The 2021 Pinot Noir Sojeau is youthfully restrained, masking its power behind a veil of dried blueberries, underbrush and hints of mint. This is silky and enveloping, with a bump of zesty acidity up front and saline minerals that add lovely contrast to its tart red and black fruits. It finishes structured and dramatically long, leaving a spicy sensation, notes of black tea and violet inner florals that linger on and on. This is just a baby today, yet it has the balance to mature beautifully over the coming decade.

93 pts- Eric Guido, Vinous Media, May 2024