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**TOP 100 WINE**  
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**Wine Spectator**



## 2021 A TO Z OREGON CHARDONNAY

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2021 A to Z Wineworks Oregon Chardonnay leads with an air of tropical sweetness. Other aromas emerge as the wine opens: apple, lemongrass, cut hay, honey, flint and mint. The compelling palate has apple, linalool, and citric notes with a round, ripe, mid-palate fullness typical of Oregon chardonnay and a mouthfeel that is smooth yet zippy on the sides and tangy on the finish. The moderate alcohol and restrained acidity make for a fresh, crisp wine with a savory pear and apple finish. The 2021 A to Z Wineworks Oregon Chardonnay is an exciting sipper for any occasion.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** The 2021 A to Z Chardonnay is a blend using fruit from over 20 different vineyards located across Oregon; from the verdant Willamette Valley, to the mighty Columbia Gorge to the high mountain, river valleys of the Rogue and Umpqua AVAs. These different sites together provide a 'full orchestra' of flavors and aromatics. The individual parcels of fruit are harvested separately, pressed gently, fermented coolly in numerous vessels using a variety of yeasts to enhance complexity and aged on light lees until bottling. Malolactic fermentation is intentionally blocked to retain freshness.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** A mild and relatively dry winter was followed by a moderately dry growing season exacerbating drought concerns in certain parts of the state. Mild frost in early-to-mid April interfered with healthy bud development and shoot growth in some locations. As flowering approached, weather was highly variable with intermittent heat, coolness and rain leading to lower than usual yields after the dry season. There were some significant heat spikes in early June set new records and stressed the vines along with isolated incidents of sunburn. Thankfully, disease, bird and insect pressures were low. Yields varied depending on location but quality was high to exceptional. Harvest was longer than average due to extended nice weather and the 2021 wines are showing optimal grape chemistry, natural balance, and pure flavors making for an outstanding vintage.

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