



# GOODFELLOW

FAMILY CELLARS

## 2021 TSAI VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

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AVA: YAMHILL-CARLTON

PRODUCTION: 90 CASES

VARIETAL: CHARDONNAY

ALCOHOL: 12.7%

ELEVAGE: 19 MONTHS NEUTRAL FRENCH VINEYARD: TSAI

OAK FOU DRE

DRY FARMED

SOILS: VOLCANIC



The Tsai Family's vineyard is tucked into the foothills of Oregon's Coast Range, in the north-western section of the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. A rarity in Yamhill-Carlton, soils are volcanic, and the vineyard is surrounded with mixed forest, timber plantings, and orchard, isolated and quite a bit cooler than other sites in the AVA. Chardonnay was planted in 2001, and starting with their purchase of the spot in 2019, the Tsais are working on transitioning the vineyard to an Organic certification.

The vintage of 2021 was marked both by the "heat-dome" just after bloom, which thickened skins, giving intense phenolic power to the whites, and by the remarkably cool and measured end to the growing season, which kept acidity and flavors lively, and alcohols moderate. Chardonnay was pressed into small tanks for a brief settling of solids before going directly to barrel. Cooperage for the 2021 Tsai Vineyard Chardonnay comprised entirely of one neutral 800L foudre. Fermentations are cool and slow, generally finishing out primary between three and six months. The wine was left on the lees for the full 19 months, with only brief stirring at the end of fermentation.

The 2021 Tsai Vineyard is yellow fruited, floral with pear, apple skin, cream, pie crust and a minty hint of bright herb. Medium full on the palate this has weight and richness to it, but ultimately has a nervier presentation through the back end, and finishes with a mouthwatering acidity.

Goodfellow Family Cellars is winemaker owned and operated, and located in Oregon's beautiful Willamette Valley. Founded in 2002, and producing approximately 4000 cases annually, we focus on old vines planted in unique and beautiful sites, conscientious, no-till farming, and techniques of tradition in the cellar. We are members of the Deep Roots Coalition, a group of craft oriented wineries committed to sustainable farming and sourcing grapes solely from non-irrigated vines.