# SWEET CHEEKS WINERY EST. 2005

# 2017 CHARDONNAY

willamette valley

CINNAMON & BOSC PEAR with a hint of LIME ZEST

## THE VINEYARD

Dry farmed and practicing organic | South Willamette Valley Estate grown and hand-harvested. Elevations range from 720 - 750 feet.

### THE HARVEST

Fermented in stainless steel at low temperatures to preserve aromatics. At the end of fermentation the wine was transferred to barrels for aging & malolactic fermentation for 17 months in French oak. (43% new oak & 57% neutral oak.

### THE VINTAGE

Our estate experienced a cool and wet spring which resulted in a mid-April bud break. Spring warmed up with record heat in late May followed by very high temperatures in July and August resulting in rapid veraison.

# THE WINE

100% Chardonnay | Willamette Valley AVA 84% Sweet Cheeks Vineyards, 16% Chateau Bianca

RETAIL	ΤA	PΗ	R S	A L C
\$28	5.9 gL	3.22	gL	13.2%

"I really enjoy showcasing the vibrancy that you may not expect from a Chardonnay by only aging part of the wine in French oak. I dare you to tell me you still don't enjoy Chardonnay after trying our 2017 vintage."

- Leo Gabica, Winemaker

PRODUCTION	530 12 x 750ml cases	
HARVEST DATE	October 9 & 16, 2017	
BOTTLING DATE	August 12, 2018	
RELEASE DATE	November 4, 2018	

