

2018 Big Table Farm The Wild Bee Chardonnay

815 cases produced

unfined and unfiltered

label – charcoal drawing of a ‘wild’ bee by

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2018 Wild Bee chardonnay – Delicious! Is anything else after that important? What more needs to be said? This is the highest compliment a wine can receive. Chardonnay has been part of the BTF portfolio since 2011, and I worked with it extensively during my early days in California as well. I pick my chardonnay when the fruit tastes good, flavors developing and seeds browning and starting to crunch. I like fruitiness, as well as other components, in my wine. Barrel fermented in French oak, mostly used but some new. Fermented with whatever yeast blows in the door, minimal sulphur added and the wine basically goes from barrels to bottle with only a short stay (2-3 days) in a blending tank. Filtration, fining and other nonesuch are completely left out of the program. Simplicity at its finest!

Tasting notes – This wine smells like warm apple pie and waxy white flowers. When you take your first sip there is an explosion of acidity that brings the pallet to life. Granny Smith apples are balanced with nuttiness and warm dough. The finish is bright and the acid lets you savor the apple, lemon and yeasty notes. This wine has a dry focused mouthwatering finish.

96 pts – Purely Domestic Wine Report

92 pts – Wine Enthusiast

92 pts – Wine Spectator

91 pts – Wine & Spirits

big table farm is the collaborative effort of Brian Marcy and Clare Carver
– we are a winemaker and an artist, we grow and produce what we love to eat and drink –

In 2006 we moved to Oregon from Napa, where Brian had been making wine for ten years. We started with a dream and made our first 150 cases in 2006.

Our Farm

We own and manage 70 acres in the Northern Willamette Valley, where we raise animals and produce seasonal vegetables. If you visit us, you’ll find free-range hens, pasture-raised pigs and grass-fed cows. We are building a managed intensive grazing system of farming that builds our soil, sequesters carbon, and moves us towards a healthy, sustainable and diverse farm.



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