

2021 Big Table Farm Wild Bee Chardonnay

1133 cases produced
unfined and unfiltered
label – charcoal drawing of a ‘wild’ bee by
April Coppini
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We love chardonnay and we love making it. So straightforward and yet delicious at the same time. Like the Willamette Valley Pinot, the Wild Bee is comprised of all the vineyards we work with, 7 in 2021, so a true representation of the Willamette Valley. Brian visits each site regularly and makes picking decisions mostly using his palate. He usually waits until he tastes flavors of ripeness and looks for signals in the grape (browning seeds, softening skins) and vine (some browning leaves) – and of course what the imminent weather presents.

Tasting notes –

Reminiscent of a misty morning stroll on the coast, this intriguing chardonnay deftly balances sprightly vibrance with soothing comfort. Aromas of freshly sliced yellow apple, orange blossom and crushed seashells casually entice the senses. Warming impressions of lemon panna cotta and honeycomb develop on the palate before gently drifting away, leaving an essence of freshly baked brioche and apricot jam.

92 pts – Paul Gregutt
90 pts – Wine Spectator
93 pts – Owen Bargreen
92 pts – James Suckling
94 pts – Wine Enthusiast
94 pts – International Wine Report
93 pts – Decanter
91 pts – Wine & Spirits
9 pts – Vinography
92 pts – Vinous

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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