



## 2016 Chardonnay, La Combe Verte, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Famed Burgundy importer Becky Wasserman was once quoted in Wine Spectator saying, “You can always judge a great Domaine by the quality of their Bourgogne bottling.” These are words we LIVE by. At Walter Scott, we put the same care and attention to detail into our two Willamette Valley wines as we do our single vineyard selections. The La Combe Verte bottlings are the foundation for every choice we make in the winery, directly reflecting our reputation, philosophy, and lifestyle.

La Combe Verte translates to *The Green Fault* or *The Green Valley*. This phrase is a tribute both to the incredible Willamette Valley in which we are lucky to produce wine, and the amazing team at Patricia Green Cellars, whom without their support we would never have been able to start Walter Scott. Essentially, it is Patricia Green Cellar's "fault" that we were able to start this project.

We believe in *Willamette Valley* Chardonnay. This classic varietal has an important place in our region and at Walter Scott, not in the replication of other inspirational regions, but in its own distinctive style, with its own compelling voice. Chardonnay is a grape, which can translate our unique geology in the same way Pinot noir can. Through thoughtful farming and cellar practices, we strive to allow Chardonnay to reach its powerful Oregonian potential.

La Combe Verte is a blend of some of our favorite vineyards, all fermented and aged in oak for 10 months with 100% native yeast fermentation and full malolactic conversion. Our Chardonnay is indicative of a light touch in the cellar, seeing about 20% new wood during barrel aging and very little bâtonnage. The wine is lightly fined and filtered prior to bottling to brighten aromatics and give us a polished finish. The result is an illuminating style of chardonnay with lots of citrus notes, green apple and a mineral note on the palate.

### Vineyards:

- Clos des Oiseaux Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills AVA
- Freedom Hill Vineyard, Willamette Valley AVA
- Sojourner Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills AVA
- X Novo Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills AVA
- Vojtilla Vineyard, Chehalem Mountains AVA
- Witness Tree Vineyard, Eola-Amity Hills AVA

**Cases Produced:** 340 cases

**Bottled:** June 2017

**Release Date:** September 2017

**Alcohol Content:** 13%