

LEGGIERO 2023

Un-oaked Chardonnay

Crisp, Citrus, Green, Apple Mineral, Long, Charming

We celebrate the fact that we make wine in a region where vintage variations play an important role. Atypical growing seasons are a nightmare for commercial wineries interested in making consistent but boring wines. For us, however, it defines our interest in wine. We look forward to seeing what Mother Nature gives us to work with each year. It is the effects of each vintage on the finished wine that urges us to start verticals of our favorite wines then follow their evolution and discuss their merits at tastings with friends.

The best Italian Chardonnay hails from the hillsides of cool climate regions of Northern Italy, most notably: Alto Adige and Friuli. Almost always made in an un-oaked fashion (Neutral large oak casks used partially for textural gains and nuance addition), it is a wine that expresses the pure minerality of Chardonnay with beautiful acidity and crisp fruit flavours.

The 2022 Leggiero made from old vines grown on our Eagle Bluff vineyard offers up a balance of green apple, quince, bergamot, and key lime. The palate is chiseled with a great burst of lime zest and tart pear. 2022 was a cool growing season and as such there is extra crispness and finesse to this wine that previous years where the growing conditions were from warm to very hot.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Di Carne: Fresh oysters with mignonette and a squeeze of lemon is a no brainer. Steamed mussels in a coconut, ginger & lemongrass broth is another winning combination.

Vegetariano / **Vegano**: Roasted butternut squash with toasted pine nuts or a vegetarian pasta with a chunky tomato basil sauce.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

GROWN: Eagle Bluff: North Oliver/Okanagan Falls and

Iverson: Heart of the Golden Mile

SOIL TYPE: Varied

AGE OF VINES: 20-34 mostly in their 20s

YIELD: 2.36 tons/acre

PRODUCTION: 307 cases
ALCOHOL: 13.2%

SWEETNESS: Dry

AGING: 42% oak barrels 225 L and 500 L and 58% in

stainless steel. No new oak.



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