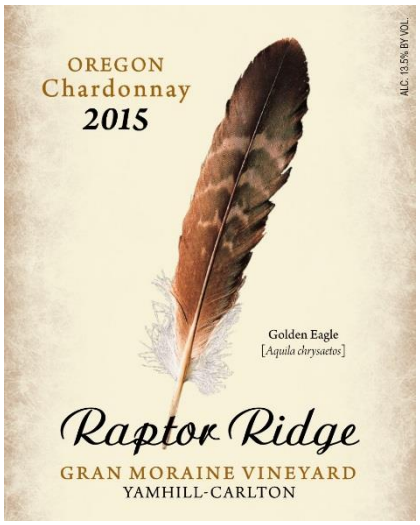
Raptor Ridge Company Overview

We founded Raptor Ridge in 1995. Named for our location on a ridge in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, Raptor Ridge is a haven for our native raptors. We specialize in hand-grown single vineyard Pinot Noir sourced from select Willamette Valley sites plus our own estate, Tuscowallame Vineyard. We create intriguing wines by blending intuition honed over 22 vintages with the methodical approach of maintaining hundreds of separate lots. The result is an array of vineyard specific barrels, providing diversity and nuance to the final cellar-crafted cuvées. *-Annie & Scott Shull, Proprietors*

2015 Gran Moraine Chardonnay



We've always loved white Burgundy. In the past decade, we have witnessed Chardonnay growers in the Willamette Valley gaining knowledge and expertise farming Chardonnay in Oregon's climate and soils. We decided it was time to get back to producing limited quantities of one of our favorite styles and varietals of white wine.

Our 2015 Chardonnay is a Vineyard designated Dijon Clone 76 hailing from 210-acre Gran Moraine Vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA. Gran Moraine is comprised of well-drained, ancient Willakenzie and Hazelair soils and is situated in the foothills of the Coast Range at 180-240 feet elevation 10 miles west of Carlton, Oregon.

This balanced wine was barrel fermented, with just 10% new oak, the remainder neutral. To create a creamy, round texture, regular lees stirring was employed. Malolactic fermentation contributed balanced acidity. The resulting wine has a creamy and round texture and mouthfeel, yet is still very clean and crisp, focused on the ripe citrus spectrum.

Production Statistics

- **Bottled:** August 4, 2016
- **Alcohol:** 13.5%
- **Case Production:** 215
- **Clonal Selection:** Dijon Clone 76
- **Harvest Dates:** September 14 2015
- **Average Brix:** 23.0
- **Average pH:** 3.38
- **Average TA:** 5.8
- **100% Whole Cluster Pressed**
- **Light Bentonite fining in cold settling tank**
- **Oak:** French, 9 months 10% New Oak
- **Aged on lees 10 months w/stirring**
- **SRP:** $45

Reviews by Scoring Publications

90 Points Wine Spectator Online: Light and polished, showing pretty pear, pineapple and cream flavors framed by a delicately nubby texture, finishing with precision. Drink now through 2020. 175 cases made. ***- Harvey Steiman***