

Technical Notes

2019 HELIOS ESTATE SEYVAL BLANC CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

*Named for Carl Nielsen's
"Helios Overture, Opus 18"*

Retail: \$28



Production:	43 Cases		
Clones:	100% Seyval Blanc - 4-year vines		
Soils:	Jory		
Harvest:	Sept. 26, 2019		
Harvest Brix:	19.1		
Cooperage:	Aged sur lie 6 months in stainless steel		
Bottled:	March 2, 2020	Released:	April 1, 2020
Alcohol:	12.9%	pH:	3.27

We are proud to have the Willamette Valley's first planting of Seyval Blanc (and just the second in Oregon), a varietal with which winemaker Dave Specter had much success during his days as an amateur in Cincinnati. It grows in a 0.5-acre on the western side of our estate vineyard at approximately 500 feet in elevation. The 2019 Helios represents our second commercial harvest of these vines, planted in spring 2015.

The 2019 growing season marked a return to more traditional Willamette Valley weather. After some early heat, the summer brought lower average temperatures and wetter days that carried all the way through harvest. This resulted in a brighter, more acid driven vintage with deep complexity of flavor profiles.



BELLS UP
WINERY

Micro-boutique, un-domaine and always open by appointment, Bells Up Winery composes handcrafted, classically styled Oregon Pinot noir with grapes sourced primarily from micro-growers on the northern side of the Willamette Valley.

Established in 2013, our first wines were released Memorial Day 2015. We make approximately 500 cases annually and offer a small selection of other Oregon-grown varietals.

The 9-acre Bells Up estate vineyard, located in the Chehalem Mountains AVA just north of Newberg, is being planted in phases. The first 3 acres of Pommard and Clone 667 were planted spring 2014; the Willamette Valley's first planting of a 0.5-acre of Seyval Blanc in spring 2015; and 2.5 acres of Wadenswil, 113 and 943 planted in spring 2016. The first estate harvest occurred in fall 2017.

The name "Bells Up" refers to a dramatic moment in classical music where the composer instructs French horn players to lift the bells of their instruments up and project sound with maximum intensity. Bells Up's winemaker and owner Dave Specter—a French horn player who performed throughout high school and college—says the winery is his "Bells Up" moment.

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