

Technical Notes

2021 HELIOS ESTATE SEYVAL BLANC CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

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

Retail: \$40



Production:	64 Cases				
Clones:	100% Seyval Blanc - 6-year vines				
Soils:	Jory				
Harvest:	Sept. 24, 2021				
Harvest Brix:	22.6 (average)				
Cooperage:	Aged sur lie 6 months				
Bottled:	February 28, 2022	Released:	March 15, 2022		
Alcohol:	13.4%	pH:	3.51	TA:	7.4 g/L

The Willamette Valley's 2021 growing season presented unique challenges. We experienced a three-day "heat dome" in June, with record temperatures hovering around 115-degrees during berry development. The result was a profusion of small berries and small cluster weights, driving significant color and flavor intensity. While we thought this might mean lower yields, that proved not to be the case. The rest of the summer was warm and dry, and harvest was quite spread out—some vineyards ripened earlier than anticipated and some later. The resulting wines are luscious and complex with fruit-driven flavors and balanced acidity.

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 as an amateur in Cincinnati. It grows in a 0.75-acre block on the west side of our estate vineyard at approximately 500 feet elevation. The 2021 Helios is our fourth harvest of these vines, originally planted in spring 2015 with subsequent expansions to the block in fall 2020 and fall 2021 due to increased demand for this unusual varietal.

Fuller bodied, Helios aged sur lie for six months to produce a food-friendly wine. No malolactic fermentation yields balanced acidity mingled with earthiness and tropical characteristics.



BELLS UP
WINERY

Micro-boutique, un-domaine and always open by appointment, Bells Up composes Oregon Pinot Noir, Rosé, Pinot Blanc, Seyval Blanc, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate vineyard and micro-sites in the Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon. Established in 2013, our first wines were released Memorial Day 2015. We make ~500 cases annually.

The 9-acre estate in the Chehalem Mountains AVA is being planted in phases. Three acres of Pommard and Clone 667 were planted spring 2014 with 1,000 plants in these two blocks field grafted to Clones 115 and 777 in Spring 2021; 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 was fall 2017. In fall 2020 and 2021 the Seyval Blanc block was expanded to meet demand. An obscure Northern Italian varietal was planted in fall 2020 in a new 0.5-acre block. Pinot Blanc (0.75-acre) was planted in fall 2021.

The name "Bells Up" refers to a dramatic moment in a classical music score instructing French horn players to raise their instruments' bells and project sound with maximum intensity. Winemaker and owner Dave Specter—a French horn player for 20+ years—calls the winery his "Bells Up" moment.

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