

Technical Notes

2024 HELIOS ESTATE SEYVAL BLANC CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS AVA

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

Retail: \$38



Production:	28 Cases				
Clones:	100% Seyval Blanc - 9-year vines				
Soils:	Jory				
Harvest:	September 28, 2024				
Harvest Brix:	22.7				
Cooperage:	Aged sur lie 6 months				
Bottled:	March 10, 2025	Released:	March 17, 2025		
Alcohol:	13.5%	pH:	3.43	TA:	7.9 g/L

After several years of extreme weather, the 2024 growing season brought a welcome return to normalcy for the Willamette Valley. A bitterly cold winter gave way to milder spring temperatures and a normal mid-April budbreak in the Bells Up Estate vineyard. Summer was again warmer and dryer than average, but without the extreme heat events of 2021 and 2023. That prompted a “by the book” end of September harvest for the Northern Willamette Valley, with brix and acids very close to ideal — giving the 2024 vintage compelling potential.

We are proud to have the Willamette Valley’s first planting of Seyval Blanc (and just the second in Oregon). It grows in a 0.75-acre block on the west side of our estate vineyard at approximately 500 feet elevation. The 2024 Helios is our seventh harvest of these vines, originally planted in spring 2015 with subsequent expansions to the block in fall 2020 and fall 2021.

Fuller bodied, Helios is aged sur lie for six months to produce a creamy texture. No malolactic fermentation yields balanced acidity mingled with earthiness and tropical fruit characteristics.



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Micro-boutique, un-domaine and always open by appointment, Bells Up composes Oregon Pinot Noir, Rosé, Pinot Blanc, Seyval Blanc, and Schioppettino from our estate vineyard, and Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from Summit View Vineyard in Milton-Freewater. Established in 2013, we make ~600 cases annually.

The 9-acre estate in the Chehalem Mountains AVA is being planted in phases. Three acres of Pommard and Dijon 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. Schioppettino 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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