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2018

2023 SOLAKSEN  
CHARDONNAY

The 2023 Jaine Solaksen Chardonnay is a single-vineyard wine from the acclaimed Solaksen Vineyard, located in the Royal Slope AVA.

Across the Columbia Valley, 2023 proved to be an exceptional vintage for white wines, especially Chardonnay. Working in close collaboration with our vineyard manager, the winemaking team implemented yield restrictions and precise canopy and irrigation strategies to enhance concentration and preserve the unique character of the vintage.

Harvested in the cool early mornings of the first week of October, the fruit was whole-cluster pressed directly into 100% French oak barrels. A variety of barrel formats were used to build depth and complexity. Fermentation unfolded slowly at low temperatures over several months, followed by full malolactic fermentation to add richness and texture.

The wine aged on its lees for a full year before being racked, then continued aging in barrel for a total of 23 months. Just nine barrels were ultimately selected for the final blend, producing only 216 cases.

*“The Royal Slope AVA may be one of the best in Washington for Chardonnay, with its northern location and soils composed of Missoula flood deposits and glacial meltwater sediments. All these Chardonnays show more elegance and refinement than many other Columbia valley examples, seemingly almost sculpted and well-defined with polished tree fruits, tight acids, good length and touches of mineral.”*

93 points, Paul Gregutt, Northwest Wine Guide

## SELECT VINEYARDS

Royal Slope AVA

Solaksen Vineyard



AVA	Royal Slope AVA
Varietals	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation	100% barrel fermentation in neutral French oak barrels
Aging	23 months in neutral French oak
Alcohol	14.5%
Cases	216
Best Between	Now – 2030
Retail	\$60