



Announcing – the birth of **Arthur**!

Effective with the release of the 2002 vintage, the Domaine Drouhin Oregon Chardonnay will carry the name “**Arthur**” (pronounced “ar-tour.”) The wine is named after winemaker Véronique Drouhin’s son Arthur, who was born in France in 1994. Véronique has previously named two of her Pinot Noir bottlings for daughters Laurène and Louise.

“Arthur was getting old enough to realize his sisters had wines named after them,” said Véronique “and he was starting to wonder, ‘hey, mama - where is the wine named for me?’ And so, voila!”

The DDO Chardonnay **Arthur** is produced from 100% Dijon clone vines grown on the Drouhin Family Estate in Oregon’s Dundee Hills. These are among the oldest Dijon clone Chardonnay vines in the New World, planted in 1990. These low-yielding, early-ripening clones have proved a perfect match for the climate and soils of the Willamette Valley.

First produced in the 1996 vintage, the DDO Chardonnay is a wine that captures the bright, crisp acidity and liquid mineral flavors from the vineyard, balanced with richness and lovely length on the palate.

Arthur is produced in limited quantities, never more than 2,000 cases. A beautiful expression of the noble Chardonnay grape, we recommend it with shellfish, seafood of all types, and a wide array of cheeses.

Véronique’s Tasting Notes

“2002 was a vintage of sunshine and a magical summer that lingered through the end of October. The wine has a lovely golden hue. It combines on the nose a complex bouquet of peach, honey, acacia and vanilla. The rich, smooth, elegant palate also has nice acidity and a beautiful long finish. To drink and enjoy now, and over the next three years.”

1,850 cases produced. \$25