



APPASSIONATA 2021 Über Sauvignon

Passion. Patience. Place.

Appassionata Estate began as a passion project for the renowned German winemaker Ernst Loosen, whose lifelong love for exploring the world's great Pinot Noirs drew him to Oregon nearly three decades ago. Appassionata seeks the greatest potential for wines from a very special place in the volcanically formed, flood-washed hills of the cool-climate Willamette Valley. The wines celebrate the unique climatic and geological characteristics that make this wine region so highly prized by wine lovers the world over, with a singular focus on ageability.

WINES FOR THE AGES

For Erni, the real character and complexity of a truly great wine don't emerge until it has developed maturity, which can only happen through time and cannot be rushed. Given time — in the barrel and in the bottle — a fine wine will clearly reveal the unique nature of its terroir, as well as the signature of its vintage. This is what we strive for at Appassionata Estate: wines that vividly express their origins, and that have the depth, structure and complexity to reward long-term cellar aging. To achieve that, we grow fruit of exceptional quality and practice unhurried winemaking, allowing the wines to unfold at their own tempo. Then we hold them for up to 10 years before release, giving them time to emerge in full harmony.

2021 ÜBER SAUVIGNON

A Vivace Prelude

Very little Sauvignon Blanc is grown in the Willamette Valley, but it performs well in the section of our vineyard that stands out for its alluvial clay soil. The Über Sauvignon is fermented and matured in large-format acacia barrels, which gives it the textural benefits of wooden casks, but without any oak taste. It's an invigorating prelude to any Appassionata performance.



TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Chehalem Mountains

Vineyard Sources: Appassionata Vineyard

Soil Type: Marine sediment

Age of Vines: 10 years

Viticulture: Sustainable

Vinification: Whole-cluster pressing; natural fermentation in a 500-liter acacia barrel and a 600-liter concrete egg.

Alcohol: 12.5%

Total Production: 73 cases

[93] NORTHWEST WINE REPORT
— *Critic's Choice* —

[93] OWEN BARGREEN

[92] WINE ENTHUSIAST
— *Editors' Choice* —

[92] DECANTER

[92] JAMES SUCKLING