

# Alexana, Terroir Series Chardonnay 2016 Willamette Valley

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*2016 is a mix of clones 76 and 95. Half the fruit comes from the estate. Aged in a few different vessels for 10 months. In a hot year he puts 30–50% in stainless steel, no malo. 2016 had good acidity and wasn't too rich, so he put 30% into stainless steel and 75-gallon drums with lees. The rest went into mostly neutral French oak plus 20% new French oak.*

Strong buttery golden colour and buttery golden nose. The oak leads more strongly than you'd expect, from the winemaking info. Like their Pinot Gris, the texture in the wine is dramatic. Brushed damask. Old muslin. Tastes of cardamom panna cotta and sandalwood shavings. Broad shouldered with power and weight that has a strong gravitational earth pull, but it still has acidity that reaches, fingertip length, to the sky. Distinctively fragrant on the end – it lifts through the nose on the finish. As if taking flight. (TC)

Producer	Alexana
Cuvée	Terroir Series
Grape variety	Chardonnay ( <a href="/learn/grape-varieties/white/chardonnay">/learn/grape-varieties/white/chardonnay</a> )
Appellation	Willamette Valley
Region	Oregon ( <a href="/learn/wine-regions/usa/oregon">/learn/wine-regions/usa/oregon</a> )
Country	USA ( <a href="/learn/wine-regions/usa">/learn/wine-regions/usa</a> )
Colour	White
Alcohol	13.5%
Score	17
When to drink	2020 - 2024
Published on	27 Sep 2020
Date tasted	27 Sep 2020
Reviewer	Tamlyn Currin ( <a href="/author/tamlyn-currin">/author/tamlyn-currin</a> )
Stockist	£29 Winebuyers

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