

Franchere “Lionesses” 2022

Willamette Valley AVA

63% Ehrenfelser, 37% Kerner – a dry, vivid, unique white wine

Alc 12.7%
pH 3.14
TA 6.9 g/L
RS 0 g/L

162 cases produced

The Wine

“Would you like to buy any Ehrenfelser or Kerner?” asked the proprietors of Satori Springs vineyard, located near historic Oregon City. Having never worked with either of these Germanic varieties, I of course said yes straight away. Fortunately, this acid-driven white wine is as beautiful as it is unique.

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This is a direct press white wine. Primary fermentation and full malolactic conversion proceeded over several months in stainless steel tank and neutral French oak. Overall the wine spent 9 months on the fine lees, racked twice. 35 ppm SO₂ added before bottling. Unfined & unfiltered.



<i>Farming</i>	Dry farmed, without herbicides – certified LIVE sustainable
<i>Soils</i>	<u>Satori Springs Vineyard</u> Jory – rocky volcanic clay from 2.5 million year old basalt lava flows (nearby Highland Butte)
<i>Fermentation & Aging</i>	Ambient yeast exclusively (not inoculated) Fermented in stainless steel & neutral oak 9 months on the fine lees, racked twice Total SO ₂ before bottling: 35 ppm No other additions; no fining or filtration
<i>Fun Fact</i>	While most of the Jory soils in the Willamette Valley are derived from the Columbia Flood Basalts, Highland Butte is part of the Boring Volcanic Field, one of the only volcanic fields found in a major US metro area. The soil is tinted deep red thanks to an abundance of iron oxide.