

# CHEHALEM



**Harry Peterson-Nedry** was the founder, founding winemaker and until early 2018, the managing partner of CHEHALEM. His interest in wine began innocently enough as a consumer passion but soon developed into a consuming passion—one that was ultimately rooted when he, in 1980, purchased and planted his first vineyard, Ridgecrest Vineyards. In 1990, Harry founded Chehalem and within five years, he had expanded the winery's estate holdings to include partnerships in Corral Creek Vineyards (adjacent to the winery) and Stoller Vineyards in the southern Dundee Hills. Harry has very recently handed the reins of Chehalem to Bill Stoller of Stoller Family Vineyards.



Corral Creek Vineyard



Wind Ridge Vineyard

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Chehalem (Chuh-hay-lum) is a local American Indian word best translated as "gentle land" or "valley of flowers," which captures a long-standing, almost religious reverence for the land.

Chehalem's first vineyard was started by Harry and Judy Peterson-Nedry in 1980 at Ridgecrest Vineyard on Ribbon Ridge Road, northwest of Newberg, Oregon. They first sold their grapes to others, while Harry studied his craft. Chehalem's first wine was its 1990 Ridgecrest Pinot Noir. Bill and Cathy Stoller joined the Peterson-Nedrys in the winery in 1993, providing grapes and much more from their Stoller Family Vineyards. In February 2018 Bill Stoller acquired Peterson-Nedry's share of equity in Chehalem.

The Chehalem wines are known for their purity of fruit flavors and their authentic Burgundian style.

## THE VINEYARDS

### RIDGECREST:

Our oldest estate vineyard, Ridgecrest is a 55-acre vineyard on a 176-acre property located on Ribbon Ridge, a small ridge at the western end of the Chehalem Range and Valley. Beginning in 1980, this site pioneered grapegrowing on Ribbon Ridge, and is now joined by Beaux Frères, Brick House, Adelsheim, Archery Summit and others.

### CORRAL CREEK

Corral Creek Vineyards surrounds the winery. Named for a creek draining the Rex Hill and Parrett Mountain region and the road forming the southern perimeter of the vineyard, Corral Creek is the only estate vineyard we did not choose and plant ourselves. We purchased it from the Howiesons of Veritas Vineyard Winery in 1995, at the same time we expanded winery operations by buying their facility. We currently have 32 bearing acres on the 40-acre site.

### STOLLER

Stoller Vineyards is our newest, and therefore most viticulturally advanced, of our three estate vineyards. A south-sloping, 175-acre vineyard on a 373-acre parcel, Stoller Vineyards commands a dominating view of the southern end of the Red Hills of Dundee, giving it regular comparison to Burgundy's Corton Hill.

### WIND RIDGE

Wind Ridge is our newest estate vineyard in the Ribbon Ridge AVA, now contiguous to Ridgecrest by virtue of a 12-acre block touching both sites purchased in 2007. It is a 55-acre property, currently planted to Pinot Noir, Riesling, and Grüner Veltliner. Planting began in 2003 and continues today, with 20 acres currently planted. Excellent acidity and a finesseful texture and finish, despite sizeable extraction capabilities, should be hallmarks of the vineyard. Being relatively high in elevation at 500 to 600 feet, once mature, vines from this site will be harvested late in the season.

