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Chehalem Winery Acquires 43.81 Acres to Expand Its Oregon Estate to 255 Acres

The Sherwood purchase adds a winery, cold storage and 15 acres of vines beside Chehalem Estate, with production planned for 2027.

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Chehalem Winery is expanding its base in Oregon’s Willamette Valley after its parent company, Stoller Wine Group, acquired an adjacent 43.81-acre property in Sherwood that includes a winery, storage facilities and planted vineyard land, according to an

announcement made in late September.

The purchase enlarges Chehalem’s estate footprint to a contiguous 255-acre campus in the Laurelwood District, a move the company said will bring vineyard operations, winemaking, storage and hospitality activities together on one site. Based on the figures released by the company, the newly acquired land increases the winery’s previous campus area of about 211.19 acres by 20.7%.

Chehalem said the property includes a winery building, agricultural structures, a cold storage warehouse and a residence, along with 15 acres of vineyard planted to Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay. That means about 34.2% of the acquired property is currently under vine. The company also said the transaction gives it immediate access to production and storage infrastructure next to its existing vineyard and tasting room.

The acquisition was announced on September 30 from Sherwood. Financial terms were not disclosed. The company did not release the purchase price, the amount it expects to invest after the acquisition, the production capacity of the site, any wine inventory included in the deal or projected sales tied to the expansion.

The newly acquired property was previously operated as Pamplin Family Winery. Chehalem said the facility was built for small-lot winemaking and will need only limited modifications before it can be used for its own production. Those changes are scheduled to begin after the 2026 harvest, with Chehalem planning to start production at the site in June 2027.

The deal adds to recent investment by Chehalem at its estate property. The winery opened the Chehalem Estate Tasting Room last year, and the new acquisition extends that same campus. The company said the goal is to deepen operational integration by placing grape growing, wine production, warehousing and guest-facing business in one location rather than spreading those functions across multiple sites.

That consolidation is significant for a winery such as Chehalem, which has built its identity around estate vineyards and cool-climate varieties. The winery, now more than 30 years old, is known in Oregon for Pinot Noir and white wines. Bringing production next to vineyard land can reduce transport needs during harvest and give a winery

more control over fruit handling, timing and storage. In this case, the company presented the acquisition as a long-term operational move rather than a short-term capacity play.

Stoller Wine Group said the property sits directly beside Chehalem Estate, which makes the expansion unusually straightforward from a logistical standpoint. Because the site is already improved with winery and cold storage facilities, the acquisition gives Chehalem more than undeveloped land. It also adds built infrastructure that can be adapted for production without the longer timeline usually required for new construction, permitting and site development.

Company executives framed the purchase as part of a broader long-range strategy for the brand and its Oregon holdings. In statements released with the announcement, Stoller Wine Group President Gary Mortensen said the addition of a winery next to Chehalem's vineyard and tasting room was a rare alignment of assets. Chehalem winemaker Katie Santora said producing wine at the estate will bring the winery's vineyard and visitor experience closer together.

The facility also has ties to the broader Stoller portfolio. The company said it was designed by Ernie Munch, the architect behind the Stoller Family Estate Reserve winery. That does not change the economics of the acquisition, but it may ease the transition if Chehalem adapts the site for its own production standards and workflow.

The transaction comes at a time when Oregon wineries continue to balance brand development, tourism and production efficiency in a competitive market. For estate-driven producers in the Willamette Valley, adjacent land and existing winery infrastructure can be difficult to assemble, especially when the goal is to create a single operating campus. Chehalem's purchase addresses that issue directly by adding both vineyard acreage and production assets next to its current estate.

What remains unclear is how much the expansion will change the winery's scale in terms of case output or distribution. The company did not say how much wine will eventually be produced at the new site, whether all current production will move there, or whether the acquisition will alter vineyard sourcing beyond the 15 planted acres included in the deal. It also did not say whether the home on the property will be used

for business purposes or remain separate from winery operations.

For now, the most concrete effect of the acquisition is geographic and operational. Chehalem will control a larger, continuous estate in the Laurelwood District, with more land, more built facilities and a clearer path to centralizing its vineyard, cellar, storage and hospitality functions. The first visible changes are expected after the 2026 harvest, and the company said it aims to have wine production underway at the newly acquired winery by June 2027.