



# De Ponte Cellars

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**Wine:** DFB Melon de Bourgogne

**Vintage:** 2013

**Vineyards:** De Ponte Cellars Estate Vineyard

**AVA:** Dundee Hills

**Aging Potential:** 2-4 years

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Production:** 1014 Cases (750ml)

**Barrel Aging:** Stainless steel with the exception of 1 new French oak barrel.

**Vintage Notes:** Another earlier than had been the norm bud break was followed by a warm, dry summer until mid August when an uncharacteristic thunder and lightning storm brought the valley over an inch of rain in just an evening. Things dried again, allowed for normal picking schedules to resume until a late September rain storm. Fortunately for De Ponte, all fruit was picked and on its way to become wine. It is a vintage that has been enjoyable through fermentation, barrel aging and now in bottle.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2013 has a distinct nose of sweet fruit, banana and mango accented by floral notes of honeysuckle and jasmine. With nice concentration on the palate, this vintage shows great energy and texture, supported by lovely acidity and a pure salty mineral character.

**Food Pairings:** Shigoku oysters, pan-seared scallops and a citrus, shaved fennel and butter lettuce salad.

