In 1993, Luisa returned to the Willamette Valley following her winemaking studies and mentorship in Burgundy, France. While there, Luisa had the fortune of working with Christophe Roumier of Domaine Georges Roumier and Dominique de Lafon of Domaine Comte de Lafon. Simultaneously, Oregon’s persistent efforts succeeded in introducing Dijon Chardonnay clones to the valley and Luisa quickly recognized the potential for producing outstanding Chardonnay was within reach. Ponzi Vineyards immediately planted several of these updated clones, delighted to discover they ripened simultaneously with Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. At last, there was a Chardonnay ideally suited to our cool valley - a dream come true for Luisa.
Some of the earliest plantings of Dijon clones Chardonnay, are deeply rooted in rich Laurelwood soil, offering intense flavors to the finished wine.

Aurora yields an elegant wine with bright acidity and fruit.

The successes at earlier established Aurora Vineyard are expressed at this younger site featuring a fusion of perfectly matched clones and rootstock planted on rich Laurelwood soil.

Avellana yields a richer, weightier style Chardonnay.