

2013 Four Winds Vineyard Chardonnay

VINEYARD INFO

Four Winds was planted in 1993 to Wente clone Chardonnay (1.34 acres) and Dijon clone Chardonnay (.58 acres). Elevation is 800 feet and south-facing. Own-rooted and dry-farmed.

APPELLATION & SOIL

This vineyard is located in the McMinnville Coast Range. Soils are classified as Jory and Nekiah. These soils are typically uplifted marine sedimentary loams and silts, with alluvial overlays. As compared to other appellations in the Willamette Valley, these soils are uniquely shallow for wine growing, with low total available moisture. The resulting wines have pronounced leanness and mineral tones.

GENERAL INFO

Whether you're new to Crowley Wines or have been with us from the beginning, you should know that we're passionate about Chardonnay. It's the sister grape to Pinot Noir, and while its delicate nature makes it a tough grape to master, we're happy to grapple with it year after year and turn out lean, bright, Burgundian-style Chardonnay. This 2013 was harvested late, which allowed exceptional maturity and ripeness. While yields were affected by the heavy rains, the fruit that remained after heavy sorting made yet another fresh and distinct Chardonnay that will age well. Twenty months in barrel allowed plenty of time for integration. Driven by the cooler and lighter 2013 vintage, this wine demonstrates lemon, lime and pear components that pair perfectly with the gentle lees influence to create a refreshing yet rich Chardonnay.

WINE INFO

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100% Wente clone

Harvest date: Oct 7, 2013

20.5 brix

Ph: 3.31

TA: 11.55 g/l

Whole cluster pressed, No SO₂ until after primary and secondary fermentations

Barrel fermented (66% Native, 34% Simi White)

Aged 20 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring

No new oak

Full malo

No. of cases made: 75

Finished Ph: 3.4

Alcohol: 12.5%

Price: \$40 retail