

# 2014 Willamette Valley Chardonnay

## VINEYARD INFO

Four Winds was planted in 1993 to Wente clone Chardonnay (1.34 acres) and Dijon clone Chardonnay (.58 acres). Elevation is 825 feet and south-facing. Own-rooted and dry-farmed.

## APPELLATION & SOIL

This vineyard is located in the McMinville 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

The riper 2014 vintage provided a richer Chardonnay, but the Four Winds vineyard retains amazing acidity in warmer vintages. As usual, the Wente clone carries the austerity of this wine, while the Dijon clone offers the warmer, softer components. This blend is amazing for the price and satisfies both analytical and casual Chardonnay fans. Versatile and distinct, this wine is amazingly drinkable and will cellar for years to come. This is a wine to purchase by the case not the bottle!

## WINE INFO

Four Winds Vineyard

70% Wente Clone, 30% Dijon Clone

Harvest date: Oct 1, 2014

21-21.5 brix

Ph: 3.4

TA: 6.2-8.85 g/l

Whole cluster pressed, no SO<sub>2</sub> until after primary and secondary fermentations

Barrel fermented (50% Native, 25% Simi White, 25% Montrachet)

Aged 14 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring

No new oak

Full malo

No. of cases made: 275

Finished Ph: 3.45

Alcohol: 12.5%

Price: \$25 retail