

Crowley Wines 2015 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 and soil: This vineyard is located in the McMinnville Coast Range. Soils are classified Nekiah and Jory. 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 winegrowing 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, and persistent Chardonnay.

Once again Four Winds turned in another stellar Chardonnay in a vintage that presented some challenges. **2015** is the hottest vintage on record in Oregon and reminded us why we prefer high elevation sites like Four Winds. This Chardonnay has exceptional clarity and leanness as well as crisp acidity focusing the purpose of the wine. The extended barrel time layers on the complexity while the warm nature of the vintage provided richness and a nice sweet spot. We added a fourth barrel to the mix which brought another voice to the blend since each barrel becomes a uniquely different as they age. This is a complete Chardonnay... beautifully built and refreshing. We're excited (as always!) for this one.

Wine info:

Four Winds Vineyard

100% Wente clone

Harvest date: Sept 26, 2015

22 brix

Ph: 3.38

TA: 7 g/l

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

Barrel fermented

Aged 22 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring

No new oak

Full malo

No. of cases made: 97

Finished Ph: 3.4



Alc: 13%
Release: Sept 2017