

# Crowley Wines

## 2015 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 and 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 winegrowing with low total available moisture. The resulting wines have pronounced leanness and mineral tones.

**General info:** 2015 was Oregon's hottest growing year on record and tested the viability of just about every vineyard in the valley. Thank goodness Four Winds sits high above the steamy trend that's developed over the last few years and seems immune to getting overripe and flabby. Hard to believe but this wine didn't flinch in the brutal 2015 heat and carries the signature bright acidity and low alcohol and presents a freshness that defies logic. As one sommelier put it recently, "I'm just going to stop wondering if this wine will ever be low in acid... because it won't!" That works for us!

### Wine info:

Four Winds Vineyard

43% Wente Clone, 57% Dijon Clone

Harvest date: Sept 26, 2015

22-23 brix

Ph: 3.4

TA: 7.5-9 g/l

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

Barrel fermented

Aged 14 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring

No new oak

Full malo

No. of cases made: 175

Finished Ph: 3.45

Alc: 12.5%

Price: \$25 retail



