

# Crowley Wines

## 2016 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 wine growing with low total available moisture. The resulting wines have pronounced leanness and mineral tones.

**General info:** We bring this up a lot lately but when you get another warm vintage in 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> in a row) we keep getting reminded how awesome it is to have Four Winds! Our high elevation, old vine, own-rooted Chardonnay didn't flinch again and it never gets old having rocking Chardonnay. Site and material are everything here as our 2016 displays the moonbeam edges of freshness, plenty of mineral and citrus on the nose, and a palate that is sincere in its vintage expression while having its own taut plans on the side to keep things exciting. Graceful, youthful, clear and precise... enough Chardonnay character to love up on... without an ounce too much. This is what we like, what we strive for. We keep waiting for Four Winds to drop the ball let the warm vintages like 2016 run the show...but it can't! This wine always excels and we just have to accept it.

### **Wine info:**

Four Winds Vineyard

61% Wente Clone, 39% Dijon Clone

Harvest date: Sept 23, 2016

22-23 brix

Ph: 3.2

TA: 8.5 g/l

Whole cluster pressed

Barrel fermented (100% Native)

Aged 11 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring. 1.5 months finished in steel

No new oak

Full malo

No. of cases made: 325

Finished Ph: 3.4

Alc: 12.5%

