

Crowley Wines
2018 Willamette Valley Chardonnay

Vineyard info: Four Winds was planted in 1993 to Wente clone Chardonnay (1.5 acres) and Dijon clone Chardonnay (.75 acres), and now!..2.5 acres of Draper clone. Elevation is 825 feet and south facing. Own rooted and dry farmed.

Appellation and soil: This vineyard is located in the McMinnville Coast Range. The soils have a volcanic origin, primarily Saum, similar to Nekia, with a strip of Jory running along the northwest edge of the vineyard. They are made up of a rocky base of weathered basalt that was covered by wind-blown (colluvial) loam, which was derived from eroded basalt higher up in the coast range. 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: The good news... an amazing wine! The bad news... well, there is no bad news! It's a blessing that Four Winds is such an outstanding vineyard and the Chardonnay always performs at the highest level. We're comfortable saying possibly best Chardonnay site in Oregon... and now better than ever! The **2018 vintage Willamette Valley Chardonnay** introduces the Draper clone to the mix, which we grafted into Four Winds in 2017. We're super excited to provide another voice and aspect to the program. Chardonnay is especially responsive to field blends so our belief is we've raised the bar even higher than its always been.

There is some wood in this wine... straight up. With the new juice came sexy new barrels which we've fallen for. When done right, the best Chardonnay in the world (looking at you, Pernot) carries wood beautifully, and it does here. The typical purity and sense of place is enhanced by another layer of intrigue as the wood in both the nose and mouth plays an equally humble and prominent role in this wine. Not to be outdone, the raging acid and saline and classic citrus elements of Four Winds stand their ground making sure we remember its ALWAYS terroir first. White peach, orange, clove and pear all make an appearance, as does precision and balance. **Crowley Chard 2.0 here we go!**

Wine info:

Four Winds Vineyard 34% Wente Clone, 33% Draper Clone, 33% Dijon Clone
Harvest date: Oct 4, 2018
21.22.5 brix
Ph: 3.25-3.35
Whole cluster pressed
Barrel fermented (100% Native)
Aged 10 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring. 1.5 months finished in steel
33% new wood
Full malo
No. of cases made: 365
Finished Ph: 3.45
Alc: 13.2%
Price: \$25 retail

