

Crowley Wines
2019 Rose of Pinot Noir

Vineyard info: Four Winds was planted in 1990 to 4 acres of own-rooted Pommard clone Pinot Noir. We isolate a portion of this and dedicate the farming to our Rose program. 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: The 2019 Rose is coming along at the perfect time. May 14, 2020. We've all been rattled and confined in the name of Covid-19 and the "fun factor" of life is at a bare minimum. This has been hard. We want to see our friends again and turn off the vigilance. We want to be spontaneous and break the tension. So as we welcome better news and easing restrictions we have the perfect wine to accompany the urge to lighten up... which we can finally start to do.

The signature of this year's Rose is citrus and melon... mandarin orange and green watermelon to be exact. Traces of herb bring in savory notes and mint makes an appearance for cooling effect. A reductive note adds interest and layers to the just opened bottle aromatics while the mouthfeel is uniquely smooth and polished. 2019 delivered a clean and round rose with no hard edges. There's succulence to the fruit to go with the usual high energy, and lower alcohol keeps it airy and light.

Wine info:

Four Winds Vineyard

100% Pommard clone

Harvest date: Sept 22, 2019

19.8 brix

Ph: 3.41

TA: 6 g/l

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

2/3 Barrel fermented, 1/3 Stainless Steel

Aged 7 months on the lees in barrel, no stirring

No new oak

Partial malo

No. of cases made: 323

Finished Ph: 3.37

Alc: 12.1%

Price: \$20 retail

