Crowley Wines 2019 Entre Nous Pinot Noir

Vineyard info: Blend of La Colina (67%) Four Winds Pinot Noir (33%). All vineyards own rooted dry farmed.

Appellation and soil: La Colina is located in the Dundee Hills AVA. Dundee Hills is known for its rich, red volcanic Jory soils, which were formed from ancient volcanic basalt and consist of silt, clay and loam. They typically reach a depth of 4 to 6 feet and provide excellent drainage. Four Winds 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 2019 Entre Nous brings together the power of the Dundee Hills and the austerity of the Coast Range to create a remarkably complete wine. The signature combination of Wadenswil and Pommard clones always makes Entre Nous stand out. Polished and bright ruby red greets the eye as dark cherry and spice aromas jump from the glass. Mushroom, cedar and traces of citrus mix it up on the nose as well. Airy and fresh on the palate, bright sweet cherry and strawberry mingle with light chocolate. Supple and generous with a touch of new wood the acidity persists to a long sweet finish.

Wine info (for contributing lots):

Pommard, Wadenswil clones Harvest date: Sept 28-Oct 3, 2019

Brix range: 21.5-22.5 Ph range: 3.4-3.7 TA range: 6.2-6.8 g/l 100% de-stemmed 10-12 day cold soak

Native fermentation, approx. 20 days in tank

Pressed and settled 24-48 hrs. Barreled 20 months, no racking. 33% new oak

Full malolactic fermentation, no inoculation Unfined/unfiltered

No. of cases made: 300 Finished Ph: 3.57

Alc: 13.53% Price: \$40 retail Release: Sept 2021