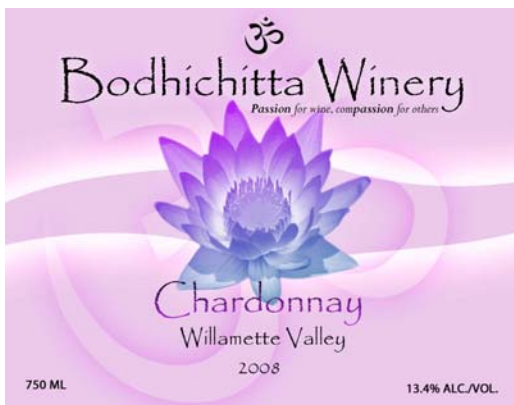


## WINE PRESS NORTHWEST REVIEWS

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**Bodhichitta Winery 2008 Chardonnay, Willamette Valley, 30 cases, 13.4% alc., \$30**

***Excellent.*** Wisconsin native Mark Proden sought a return to his farming roots, so the former Air Force pilot modeled his new nonprofit winery in Salem, Ore., after the Newman's Own line. This wine casts out aromas of Golden Delicious apple, pear and grapefruit aromas, but it's bone-dry with piercing food-friendly acidity on the palate. The apple goes Granny Smith and that citrus will serve it nicely alongside a fatty fish such as sturgeon or oysters on the half shell.

**Bodhichitta Winery NV Primordial Compassion Red Wine, Oregon, 20 cases, 12.5% alc., \$28**

***Recommended.*** Mark Proden served 11 years in the Air Force as a pilot, and now he's a Salem, Ore., winemaker providing public service by giving all his winery profits to charitable causes. His blend of 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (66%) from the Applegate Valley with 2008 vintage blackberry wine releases notes of marionberry and strawberry. It's got little in the way of tannin, there's a reward of acidity and it comes in bone dry, adding up to a worthy food wine.

