

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2008 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Bright wild strawberries, rose petal, violets and mineral aromas fill your glass. Concentrated wild raspberry, potpourri and mushroom flavors finish up encompassing and plump in the mouth. The addition of clone 115 (new South Hill in 2001) gives added wild berry flavors that are complemented by mouth watering acids. The older blocks contribute lush and rounded tannins and brooding berry fruits. The toasted oak and mature grape tannins are always complemented by a silky texture that finishes long. A wonderfully concentrated vintage that will only get better with time.

—*Winemaker Bob Cabral*

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Pinot Noir Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970's, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

HARVEST 2008

2008 provided very concentrated, flavorful and high quality wines that are vividly expressive of the vineyards in which they were grown, despite being a difficult year for growing. The combination of numerous springtime frosts and cold rains damaged our buds and clusters, thus resulting in a lighter than average year. During the summer, the vines encountered near-perfect fruit ripening weather characterized by warm and sunny days with exceptionally few heat spikes. Very warm August temperatures quickened ripening, beginning a fast and furious harvest. The decreased yields resulted in very concentrated and extremely high quality wines, with brilliant flavor and phenolic ripening. The wines of 2008 express their distinctive sites and qualities in a very intense and focused manner: this is truly a vintage for the cellars, with great ageing potential for years to come.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 60% new oak, 40% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 18 months

pH: 3.50

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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