

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2012 growing season produced yet another classic Chardonnay from the Allen Vineyard. Apple and baking spices give way to notes of pear and quince, while white flowers add to the profile of this highly expressive wine. The palate delivers as well, with flavors of yellow apple, pear, nutmeg and subtle hints of vanilla. The long mineral finish punctuates this compelling offering. Enjoy with crab and lobster dishes.

THE VINEYARD

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

HARVEST 2012

Simply put, the 2012 vintage was amazing in many respects. After the cool growing seasons of 2010 and 2011, which resulted in excellent quality but very low yields, Mother Nature was smiling on us in 2012 with superb growing conditions for a bountiful harvest. The exceptional weather during the spring allowed for moderate vegetative growth, superb flowering conditions and an above average fruit set – berries and clusters sized up beyond original expectations. 2012 was a vintage where ripe mature stems, seeds and skin tannins were achieved with harmoniously balanced natural acidity. Enveloped with pure intense aromas, juicy flavors and rich textures, these structured wines are clearly the result of a truly extraordinary vintage. A vintage like this, where everything comes together perfectly, is rare and will certainly be a vintage to enjoy for many years to come!

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 28% new oak, 5% 1 year, 14% 2 years, 53% 3+ years

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.33

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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