

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2012 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir is another blockbuster wine. Aromas and flavors of strawberry and red cherry are lifted with lively notes of fresh roses. Round at the entry, the tannins build on the palate and finish with notes of pencil lead and mineral.

THE VINEYARD

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

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: 64% new oak, 36% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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