

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This wine has a fresh, perfumed nose of spice, floral components and dark cherries. As it opens up in the glass, there is a bright, red fruit nose with a hint of earth, nutmeg, fennel and toffee, which are characteristic of this vineyard site. Luscious flavors of dark cherries, strawberry, sassafras, violets and caramel give way to the poised acidity. Elements of cedar, baking spices and vanilla add to the complexity. The rich, textural mouthfeel helps to carry the fat, plump tannins that follow long through into the finish.

THE VINEYARDS

100% Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles south-east of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 667, Mt. Eden, and Swan.

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: 35% new, 32% 1 year old, 33% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 10 months

pH: 3.54

TA: 0.63g/100ml

Alc: 13.6%

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