

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Bing cherry and cinnamon surge from the glass in this quintessential offering of Pinot Noir from our Estate vineyard. Blended primarily from Swan, Mt. Eden and Pommard clones, this wine offers a complex array of aromas and flavors. With aeration, additional notes of cardamom and fennel seed emerge and juicy fine grained tannins meld into a cocoa powder-like finish on the palate. This is a wine that can be enjoyed now but will develop with another 7-10 years of aging.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37), and chose five different root stocks to match the soil types. The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

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: 80% new oak, 20% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 18 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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