

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Westside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A firecracker of a wine, the 2015 Westside Road Neighbors is explosive both in the nose and on the palate. Black raspberry and black cherry aromas are complemented with hints of cedar, allspice, vanilla, and black tea. An intriguing note of celery seed further complexes the outstanding nose. Young and brash, the texture is superb with a backbone of refreshing acidity and loamy earthiness that conveys flavors of bright Bing cherry and raspberry. The wine concludes with refined tea-like tannins and a crushed rock and mineral finish. A wine not to be missed!

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from neighboring vineyards along Westside Road: Allen, Bacigalupi, Bucher, Flax, Rochioli Riverblock, and the Williams Selyem Estate.

HARVEST 2015

The 2015 vintage continues the hit parade of great quality vintages of the last four years. The season started under extreme drought conditions despite a wet early winter. January was very dry and warm and brought bud break earlier than expected. The rains returned in early February and dramatically slowed down the growth of the plants. May temperatures were some of the coldest on record and negatively impacted flowering and therefore fruit set. By the end of July, the heat returned and, coupled with limited fog intrusion, the ripening process sped along quickly. Despite an auspicious start and a dramatic finish to the season, the 2015 wines may surpass some of the great recent vintages as they are bold and yet maintain their trueness to site. With superb color, structure and acidity, the wines have staying power, but with the wonderful texture and richness that are expressed today, who can resist them now?

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 67% new, 33% 1 year old

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.61 g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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