

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Burt Williams' Morning Dew Ranch Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Morning Dew Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir is an intriguing wine. Fresh herbs and notes of plum and black cherry mix with aromas of hoisin sauce and tamari. A hint of flint on the nose adds spice and interest to the spectrum of aromas which carries through to the palate. In the mouth, the wine leads with cherry flavors and is lifted by notes of citrus peel and flowers. The refined tannins are supported by flavors of cocoa, allspice, and Asian tea. This will be the last vintage of the Morning Dew Ranch Pinot Noir by Williams Selyem, as Burt Williams sold the vineyard in 2015.

THE VINEYARD

This 40-acre property in the "deep end" of the Anderson Valley has 13 acres planted to Pinot Noir. In 2000, the land was cleared and planted to cuttings from the Rochioli vineyard, DRC suitcase selections from adjacent vineyards, clone 23 and Dijon clones 115, 777 and 828. The vineyard has Franciscan soils; clay underlain with sandstone.

HARVEST 2016

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season and it started out as the previous four vintages with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in this growing season was cooler temperatures in late February, and increasing rain totals in March that helped slow down vegetative growth. The net result was a slightly longer vegetative cycle, a slower grape maturation cycle, and therefore a later harvest compared to 2015. These events allowed for perfect maturation of the grape tannins and flavor development. Harvest started with pleasant weather on August 10 in the Middle Reach Neighborhood vineyards (Westside Road). Weather in late August cooled and by early September temperatures warmed up and dry conditions prevailed. The result was our core harvest was completed under ideal conditions by end of September. Overall, the wines from the 2016 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins due to long and slow grape maturation on the vine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 57% new, 43% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.51

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.6%

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