

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

A new offering from our Williams Selyem Estate property on Westside Road, this Chardonnay is sure to please. Planted to 20 different clones and selections of Chardonnay, the result is a complexity that is unmatched. Notes of white flowers mix with pear, quince, green apple, stone fruit, and melon combine to offer a kaleidoscope of aromas. In the mouth, flavors are diverse with notes of lime, pear and green apple. The acid is subtle and creates a framework around the tannin structure which gives the wine excellent weight. This is an outstanding wine with lots of ageing potential.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road just below the winery and adjacent to the Russian River. The vineyard is planted to 20 different clones of Chardonnay and shares a similar soil profile to the Allen Vineyard and Rochioli Riverblock.

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: 22% new, 22% 1 yr., 9% 2 yr., 47% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.46

TA: 0.65g/100mL

Alc: 14.5%

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