

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir is a classically-styled Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Situated on a hilltop on Eastside Road above the Russian River, the vineyard enjoys sun exposure throughout the day. In the glass, dark red fruits mix with citrus and wood spices. Floral elements emerge with aeration and offer a levity to the wonderful aromatics. Cedar shavings further add to the complexity to the nose. The classic palate is tangy and brims with red fruit flavors balanced by notes of bergamot and black tea.

THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777, and more recently, Mt. Eden and Swan clones were added. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

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: 65% new, 35% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.43

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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