

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Eastside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

This crowd-pleaser is the product of hand-selected vineyards on the eastern bank of the Russian River. On the nose, a gamut of black fruits and plum mix with aromas of cedar shavings and dried herbs, while notes of elderberry and elderflower add additional intrigue. All sorts of berry flavors excite the palate and are lifted with citrus and impressions of black tea. The tannins are voluminous, refined and finish with a gravelly texture.

THE VINEYARD

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from three unique sites along Eastside Road: Foss Vineyard, Calegari Vineyard, and Lone Oak Vineyards.

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: 60% new, 40% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.58

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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