

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

This vintage of our flagship wine showcases notes of black cherry which mix with aromas of raspberry and hints of tarragon and dried herbs. Star anise and wood spices add depth and complexity to the alluring aromatics. The mouth-feel is balanced with extremely refined tannin that seem to saturate the entire palate. Red fruits dominate the tongue along with notes of citrus peel which adds lift. A strong impression of tea permeates the palate while finishing with hallmark gravel and mineral sensations.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

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: 71% new, 29% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

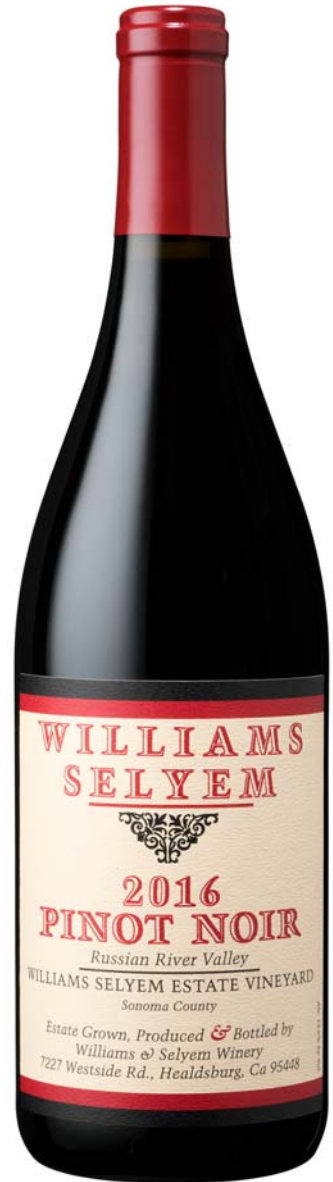
pH: 3.52

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 13.6%

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