

# WILLIAMS SELYEM

FALL 2018 RELEASE

## *A note from Director of Winemaking Jeff Mangahas*

When my wife and I lived in Princeton, NJ, one of our favorite shared activities was going antique shopping in Lambertville, NJ and New Hope, PA. There you could find vintage pieces to dress up your home. These antiques were *new* to us and offered enjoyment in our day-to-day surroundings and lives. What was once old became “new” again and there was something refreshing about that mentality. With the fall offering, I am pleased to announce two “old” vineyards that are new to our portfolio of unique and distinctive wines. I am also happy to introduce two new bottlings of Chardonnay, one from new plantings at the Williams Selyem Estate, and the other from our old friends, the Martinelli Family.

Our most recent acquisition has created a lot of excitement around the winery. Prior to the 2016 harvest, we purchased the historic Saitone Vineyard property in the Russian River Valley, in order to preserve a cherished piece of Sonoma County agricultural history. Saitone Ranch is the oldest of the old-vine vineyards remaining in the Piner-Olivet area and is now catalogued with the Historical Vineyard Society. The 33-acre property was first planted by Antonio Saitone in 1895 and consists of 26 planted acres, including 12 acres of old-vine Zinfandel and a few others including Carignane.



Carignane block with original barn in background



Victor Saitone, who was born and raised on the ranch, stands with his horses in front of the barn.

Though they were planted over 120 years ago, these dry-farmed vines still produce wonderfully expressive grapes. Our goal is to cultivate these vines and rehabilitate the ranch to its early glory. This includes the farm equipment, barns, and artifacts that were inherited with the property.

Currently, we are restoring the original barn on the property, which harkens back to a time before tractors, when everything was done by hand or using animals. The project seeks to keep all historical aspects intact and show daily life on the ranch as it was at the turn of the century.

We would be happy to show you this historic property on a future visit to teach you about Santa Rosa’s farming heritage and practices and transport you back in time!

The 2016 vintage, our first bottling from Saitone Vineyard, will be available starting in the upcoming fall 2018 release, in small quantities. In future releases, there will be more of this wine to share with our member community; thank you for your patience as we bring this vineyard to its full potential.

The other new bottling being offered in the fall release is the Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Chardonnay, a classic in the making that should not be missed! This new offering is sourced from, as the name suggests, a site located on our Williams Selyem Estate property, just below the winery and adjacent to the Russian River. Sharing a similar soil profile to the Allen Vineyard Chardonnay and Rochioli Riverblock, the vineyard was planted to 20 different clones of Chardonnay. If you’ve visited before and tasted our Block 10 Mass Selection Pinot Noir you’ll recognize the same efforts which have been adapted in the form of Chardonnay. With this type of planting, the inter-dispersion of clones allows for

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# Important Dates

SEPTEMBER 2

Close of Release

OCTOBER 12-14

Pickup Weekend Event at  
Williams Selyem Estate Winery

OCTOBER 15-21

Pickups by appointment at  
Williams Selyem Estate Winery  
(unclaimed wine will be  
shipped on October 23)

OCTOBER 29

Shipping Begins - all non-hot states  
(weather permitting)

NOVEMBER 2-4

Pickup Weekend Event  
at Millbrook Winery in NY

NOVEMBER 5

Shipping Begins  
Hot States  
(AL, AZ, FL, GA, LA, NC, SC,  
TN & TX - weather permitting)

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a homogeneous mixture which illustrates the true expression of the site.

Although not part of the fall release, there are brand new wines available to those who visit our Tasting Salon at the Williams Selyem Estate. Many of you may remember the Cohn Vineyard Pinot Noir that Burt and Ed sourced Pinot Noir from for many years. The last year this wine was bottled as a vineyard designate was 1993 (which is still tasting great)! You can try this "new old wine," sourced from 45-year old vines which are planted to a multitude of clones through rigorous selection, much like our Block 10 Mass Selection bottling from the Williams Selyem Estate.

While visiting the Salon, you should also try our new winery-only offering called the Three Sisters Chardonnay, grown by the prominent Martinelli Family. The vineyard site is perfectly situated on the true Sonoma Coast near the Hirsch and the Marcassin properties. Grown at elevation, the ripening process is slow and deliberate due to a cool microclimate. Notes of flowers and lime are evident at first nosing, but hints of Anjou pear and fresh herbs emerge with air. Like most true Coastal wines, structure is the underlying theme and this Chardonnay is no different. The thick skins offer an abundance of extract and that translates into a full-bodied texture that coats the tongue. The wine finishes with crushed rocks and an iodine character that is unique and profound.

## 2016 Vintage Notes

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season, and started out as the previous four vintages; with a warm and dry winter. Above average temperatures and modest rainfall in the winter months brought a normal bud break in all growing regions. The main difference in 2016 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. Flowering happened under normal conditions with a slight cooling trend in May, which ultimately prevented blockbuster yields. Temperatures after fruit set were normal, but as veraison approached there were a few heat spikes that jumpstarted the ripening process.

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.

- Director of Winemaking Jeff Mangahas

## Elegant

2016 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir \$59  
SAN BENITO COUNTY 13.7% ALC.

Youthful and exuberant on the nose, the 2016 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir is a showy wine. Notes of plum and berry mix with vanilla and wood spices. Hints of purple flowers combined with orange rind are offset by elements of chalk and flint. Cedar and herbs complete the wonderfully complex nose. In the mouth, this wine showcases plum and currant flavors with meaty notes in the background. Minerals and earthiness round out the finish in this elegant offering.

2016 Weir Vineyard Pinot Noir \$62  
YORKVILLE HIGHLANDS 13.5% ALC.

The Weir Vineyard Pinot Noir reveals aromas of red currant and strawberry with hints of crushed rock. Citrus peel and lavender add a wonderful perfume that epitomizes the elegance. Dried herbs belie the fruit and floral elements which adds yet another layer. Wonderfully textured on the palate, the Weir offers red fruit flavors that transition to citrus and then to crushed quartz. This wine clings to the palate with tenacity and finishes with elements of oolong tea.

2016 Burt Williams' Morning Dew Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir \$85  
ANDERSON VALLEY 13.6% ALC.

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.

## Full-Bodied

2016 Foss Vineyard Pinot Noir \$62  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.1% ALC.

The 2016 Foss Vineyard Pinot Noir is a knockout! Brimming with dark berries, the nose offers a wonderful spectrum of fruit-driven and earthy tones. Notes of cedar, and a *sous bois* character, mix with allspice and further add complexity and intrigue. Voluminous on the palate, this wine offers a beautiful balance of acid to fruit flavors. Typical of the site, the highly polished tannin give the wine a round mouthfeel. Flavors of oolong tea take over in the middle palate and an effusive cherry pit punch punctuates the finish.

2016 Coastlands Vineyard Pinot Noir \$75  
SONOMA COAST 14.1% ALC.

The 2016 vintage produced another classic wine from the Coastlands Vineyard. The unique terroir is located on the coast in a small region above the town of Occidental. Surrounded by redwood trees, these vines have one of the best views of the Pacific. Power-packed with aromas of tobacco, peat and tree bark, the wine livens with hints of dark cherry and pomegranate. Due to the cool coastal weather, the berries are typically very small and often produce only a tiny amount of juice. Thus, the skin-to-juice ratios are high, giving this wine intense color and extract. The acid profile keeps the wine lively, fresh, and perfectly balanced. The texture is a bombshell and completely stains the palate. Don't miss this one!

2016 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir \$85  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.2% ALC.

Vibrant fruit and purple flowers soar from the glass of Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir! Black raspberry notes mix with mulberry, a counterpoint to aromas of nutmeg and damp earth. Tangerine adds a liveliness to the nose and completes the aromatic fireworks. The density of the wine is compelling, with strong elements of Asian tea and dried citrus peel. Notes of red fruits lurk in the background. The sheer density of this wine is attractive today but will require several more years to achieve its full potential.

2016 Precious Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir \$95  
SONOMA COAST 14.3% ALC.

The Precious Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir is typically one of our most complex wines and the 2016 is no exception! With various degrees of sun exposure on the dry-farmed vines, the result is a multitude of aroma and flavor profiles. Notes of dark cherry, bergamot, flint, and dried herbs combine to offer a rather brooding aromatic profile. In the mouth, the tannins are robust and it is immediately clear that these grapes were grown on the challenging Sonoma Coast mountain tops. Berry flavors and Earl Grey tea complete the palate with flinty, smoky minerals on the finish.

## Medium-Bodied

### 2016 Eastside Rd. Neighbors Pinot Noir \$59

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

13.8% ALC.

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.

### 2016 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir \$62

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

13.7% ALC.

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.

### 2016 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir \$65

ANDERSON VALLEY

13.7% ALC.

Ripe red fruit and Amarena cherry are highlighted in this classic Anderson Valley Pinot Noir. Dried flowers mix with mocha, nutmeg and allspice offer depth. Sourced from 6 blocks within the Ferrington Ranch, this dynamic mix of clones harmonizes to create a wine with focus that typifies this unique terroir. Red fruits dominate the palate and are counterbalanced with refreshing acidity and hints of bergamot. The Ferrington Pinot Noir finishes with a subtle earthy loaminess and a hint of Earl Grey tea.

### 2016 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir \$85

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

13.9% ALC.

The nose is prototypical of the Allen Vineyard and shines through gloriously with notes of flowers, alpine strawberry, and black cherry. Perched up on the hillside just above Westside Road, the microclimate is perfectly suited to create delicate yet powerful, age-worthy Pinot Noir. Notes of cocoa dust and wood spices flawlessly frame the fruit elements. The raspberry and rhubarb aromas carry through on the palate before finishing with notes of Asian tea and a subtle hint of crushed rock.

### 2016 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir \$85

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

14.2% ALC.

The Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard is situated on the bank of the Russian River where the soil is deep and loamy with river gravel scattered throughout. These are ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. The depth of the soil allows for the plants to ripen slowly and develop incredible flavor. Always intriguing on the nose, the dark red and black fruit aromas mix with dried herbs and hints of fennel. Soil-rich tones add a bass note to the incredibly complex nose. Deeply pitched fruit flavors in the mouth are layered with extremely refined tannin. The seamless acidity allows the tannin to shine and offers an unctuous texture without heaviness.

### 2016 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir \$105

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

13.6% ALC.

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 elegant 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.

Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances with a fluke mechanical failure in the cellar, you will not see the 2016 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir in your fall allocation. We will continue to work with John and Diane Bucher's fruit and you should look forward to seeing wine from this wonderful vineyard again next year in the 2019 fall release. In fact, the 2017 is already in barrel and is showing signs of greatness.

# CHARDONNAY

2016 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard  
Chardonnay \$65  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.7% ALC.

The aromas jump out of the glass with a complex array of lime, yellow pear and stone fruits mixed with toasted almond. Hints of melon add a top note to the wonderful nose. In the mouth, this wine really shines with the bright acidity that carries a multitude of flavors along the way. Notes of pear, stone fruit, and melon combine with flavors of nutmeg to offer a rich profile with incredible focus. The hallmark minerality and crushed rock texture shine through on the mid-palate and carry all the way to the elegant finish. Wow!

2016 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard  
Chardonnay \$65  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.5% ALC.

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.

2016 Drake Estate Vineyard Chardonnay \$65  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 13.9% ALC.

This wine has a beautiful nose of Meyer lemon, yellow apple and spiced pear. Underneath the fruit elements are notes of citrus and fresh melon. The oak is so seamless that it adds a depth without crossing the line. The freshness on the palate is striking with flavors of lemon and spiced pear that transitions into minerals in the middle palate. A hint of quinine on the finish beautifully punctuates this elegant offering.

2016 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay \$65  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.6% ALC.

The 2016 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay has an integrated nose of yellow apple and spiced pear with notes of tangerine, cinnamon and allspice. Subtle jasmine green tea aromas are underlaid with fruit aromas, adding intrigue. Focused in the mouth, the flavors of pear and yellow apple combine with a lifted note of muskmelon in the mid palate. There is a wonderful tension between the acid and tannin that gives the palate size and length while finishing with a refreshing minerality.

# ZINFANDEL

2016 Bacigalupi Vineyard Zinfandel \$65  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.9% ALC.

Located on the northern section of Westside Road, the Bacigalupi Vineyard enjoys a warm microclimate in a cool growing region. The pure nose of red, blue, and black fruits jumps out of the glass and immediately captures your attention. More subtle notes of tangerine peel studded with cloves add a layer that keeps you looking for more. The flavors lead with hints of blackberry and blueberry and transition to pomegranate. Live acidity freshens up the palate and carries the finish to a wonderful earthy, mineral conclusion. This is a beautifully proportioned wine.

2016 Saitone Estate Vineyard Zinfandel \$65  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.8% ALC.

The inaugural offering from our Saitone Estate Vineyard is a knock-out. Planted in 1895, this vineyard is in the heart of old-vine Zinfandel country on Olivet Road in the Russian River Valley. Planted to mostly Zinfandel, there are some mixed varieties interspersed in the field. Immediately apparent on the nose is red raspberry with hints of Santa Rosa plum. Predominately red-fruited, there is some underlying black fruit that adds depth. Notes of Asian five spice mix with dried herbs and minerals on the nose. In the mouth, the fireworks continue with an incredible balance of extract, tannin, and refreshing acidity. Red fruit flavors abound while minerals take over in the middle palate and finish with a surprising citrusy sensation. This is old-vine Zinfandel at its best!

## PORT

2012 Vista Verde Vineyard Port \$40/375ml  
SAN BENITO COUNTY 20.0% ALC.

Blackberry and boysenberry notes jump out of the glass with surprising hints of purple flowers. Bittersweet chocolate adds wonderful depth to the exotic nose. Incredibly dense on the palate, the wine shows wonderful balance of dark fruit, acid, and tannin. Flavors of fruit cake and chocolate lava cake saturate the palate while maintaining freshness. This is the best way to end a meal!

## Ordering

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- Online ordering is strongly encouraged! To access your allocation, use the customized hyperlink in the email we'll send to you on the opening day of the release. Or, sign into our website with your user credentials.
- Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Allocations are not guaranteed; they represent the number of bottles available to you until the wine sells out (which is often before the last day to order). Please place your order as soon as possible for best order fulfillment.
- For bottles beyond your allocation, please use the wish list column. These requests will be filled, if possible, after the close of the release on September 2. You do not need to include payment for wish list wines; we will charge or invoice your account later if the request is filled.
- While online ordering is strongly encouraged, you may fax your completed order form to (707) 431-4862. If paying by check, please send via mail to 7227 Westside Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448
- Order confirmations will be sent via email. Please verify your address!
- Faxed or mailed orders submitted without written payment will not be filled; phone and email orders are not accepted.

## Shipping

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- Wines will begin shipping on Monday, October 29 for orders shipping to most states (other than the ones listed in the next sentence), weather permitting. Orders shipping to (AL, AZ, FL, GA, LA, NC, SC, TN & TX) will begin on Monday, November 5, weather permitting.
- Some states do not permit direct wine shipments, or they may limit the amount of wine we can ship to you. Please see the back of your order form for more details and shipping/handling fees.
- We require a shipping address where someone 21+ years of age will be available to sign for the package during regular business hours.

## Wine Pickup

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### CALIFORNIA

- If you intend to pick up your wine at Williams Selyem Winery, select the "CA Pickup" option on your order. A minimum purchase of 6 bottles applies to this option.
- Our Fall 2018 Pickup Weekend will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 12-14, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at 7227 Westside Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448
- Winery pickups are available by appointment at Williams Selyem from October 15-21 between 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM. Please call or email at least one day in advance to schedule a pickup date: (707) 433-6425 or [tours@williamsselyem.com](mailto:tours@williamsselyem.com)
- Orders not picked up by Sunday, October 21 will be shipped at the customer's expense to the billing address listed on the order on Tuesday, October 23.
- If you prefer to have a third party pick up on your behalf, please select this option from the drop down menu in your shopping cart or note it on the ship-to section of your order form. Note that the following require an account to be established prior to order pickup. Any shipping arrangements must be made directly with the third party of your choice.

All Ways Cool, in Santa Rosa (707) 545-7450    Oeno Vaults, in Santa Rosa (707) 595-3612  
55 Degrees Napa Valley, in Napa (707) 963-5513

### NEW YORK

- If you intend to pick up your wine at Millbrook Winery, select the "NY Pickup" option on your order.
- The Fall 2018 Pickup Weekend at Millbrook Winery will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 2-4.
- Daily winery pickups are available November 2-December 31, between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM, no appointment necessary. 26 Wing Road, Millbrook, NY 12545, (845) 677-8383 ext. 21, [millbrookwinery@millwine.com](mailto:millbrookwinery@millwine.com), [www.millbrookwine.com](http://www.millbrookwine.com).