

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2010 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Much like the previous vintages from the Estate, this is a wine that needs long-term aging. This wine is rich and complex with aromas of ripe raspberry, plum, cassis, rosewater, strawberry, raspberry, crème brûlée, black cherry cobbler, vanilla bean, sassafras, mushroom, bacon and earth. In the background orange rind, dark chocolate, vanilla bean and velvety tannins combine with fresh acidity to provide a long mouth-watering finish. Strawberry, clove, anise, cinnamon and cardamom flavors dominate the entry and middle palate and the finish lingers with juicy acidity of wild blackberries and pie cherries. I believe this wine will have extraordinary aging potential. As our Estate Vineyard matures I continually try to make minor adjustments to my farming in hopes of improving the grape quality.

—*Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral*

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard (formerly known as Litton Estate) is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley, half a mile south of the winery on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, 777 Dijon, Mt. Eden (UCD 37) and 828 Dijon, and chose five different root stocks to match the soil types. The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

HARVEST 2010

The 2010 vintage produced wines reflective of each individual vineyard site and appellation with concentrated aromas, rich fruit flavors, nicely balanced acidity and supple tannin structure. The hallmark of the 2010 vintage is one of extremes; between cool, early season temperatures and extreme late season heat, wines of tremendous character were made through careful attention to detail.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description:

71% new oak, 29% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 20 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.68g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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