

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2004 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A classic Russian River Valley Chardonnay from one of the truly great growers, Joe Rochioli. The aromas of Gravenstein apples, Asian pears, passion fruit, butterscotch and cinnamon only add to the complexity of these flavors in your mouth. Rich and full of classic Allen flavors that finish juicy, fat and complex.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Chardonnay Vineyard is adjacent to Rochioli Vineyard, approximately six miles southwest of the town of Healdsburg, banking the Russian River. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River Valley region ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

HARVEST 2004

A hot spell in March followed by a warm spring influenced an unusually early bloom and budbreak. This precocious start, followed by a growing season of moderate temperatures, resulted in a very early harvest. Although we harvested the grapes two to three weeks earlier than normal, the long season provided ample time for the fruit to reach full maturity and develop extraordinary color and intense flavors. The Pinot Noir harvest season was characterized by warm days coupled with low relative humidity, which helped to concentrate the flavors and aromatics.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 29% new, 29% 1-year old, 6% 2-year-old, 36% 3+ year old

Barrel Aged: 21 months

pH: 3.44

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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