

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2004 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Bright Maraschino cherry, strawberry, violet and root beer aromas. Intense cherry and wild raspberry flavors end up round and fat in the mouth. The wild berry flavors are complemented by the rose water and mocha explosion in your mouth and the creamy textured tannins that finish long and juicy across your palate.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARD

The Allen Pinot Noir Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970's, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River 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: 58% new, 42% 1-year old

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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