

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2004 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromas of ripe cherries, roses, cola and mocha are expressed in the nose. Concentrated flavors of Maraschino cherries, strawberry, cola, Asian spices and forest floor are complemented by the sweet and creamy grape and oak tannin in the finish. The thin hillside soils from this ranch have added an immense amount of depth and complexity to this wine.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Primarily made from Dijon clones 667 and 777. Grown in an Arbuckle gravelly loam soil about 1 ½ miles north of Williams Selyem winery on Westside Road.

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: 64% new, 36% 1-year old

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.58

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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