

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2004 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The ripe fruit from this vintage offers a perfumed nose of Bing cherries, wild strawberry, mushroom, Asian spice, mint and black tea. I find that the rich and round tannins help to carry the balanced acidity of the wine that follows through long into the finish. A wonderful year in the Central Coast.

—*Winemaker Bob Cabral*

THE VINEYARDS

100% Estate Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into eight blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 115, 777, 828 and 943.

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: 34.5% new, 34.5% 1-year old, 31% 2-year-old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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