

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2004 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Scents of ripe Bing cherries, strawberry jam, rose petal, mineral and cola come through in the nose. Sweet and concentrated flavors of ripe cherries, earth, spice and sassafras accentuate the ripe, lush tannins on your palate. The combination of red fruits, cola and mineral complements the classic long, persistent finish.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Rochioli Riverblock vineyard is located 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: 68% new, 32% 1-year old

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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