

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2004 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Scents of ripened wild cherries, rose petals, violets, mocha, minerals and exotic spice come through in the nose of this wine. It shows rich structure and good balance with overall concentration and depth of fruit. Sweet red fruits, notes of earth and a long, lingering finish complete this wine. It needs time to mature in the bottle.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is 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 blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Pommard.

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: 63% new, 37% 1-year old

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.61

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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