

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2005 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Lively aromas of Bing cherries, violets, root beer and tarragon come through in the nose. A mouthful of pie cherries, raspberry, cola, herbal spices and earth is complemented by the richness of grape and toasty oak tannin in the finish. The complexity of this wine continues to show through as these vines become more and more mature.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

The Bucher Vineyard is located about 1 ½ miles north of Williams Selyem winery on Westside Road. It is planted primarily to Dijon clones 667 and 777, with an Arbuckle gravelly loam soil.

HARVEST 2005

Following a labor-intensive growing season due to early spring rains, a cool summer and mild fall weather extended the ripening season in 2005. This long, slow maturation period permitted flavors and color to develop to high levels, and the absence of weather threats or temperature extremes allowed fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness. Vineyards unaffected by bloom failure, particularly Pinot noir and Chardonnay in Russian River Valley, enjoyed a bountiful crop. The fruit quality was extremely high, contributing to balanced and elegant wines with concentrated flavors and intense color.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 65% new, 35% 1 year old

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.51

TA: 0.59g/100ml

Alc: 14.1%

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