

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2005 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Inviting aromas of ripe wild blackberries, Rainier cherries, root beer, and Morel mushrooms permeate the nose. Sweet and concentrated flavors of ripe cherries, earth, spice and sassafras accentuate the ripe, lush tannins on your palate. The concentration of fruit and toasty oak complement the long lingering finish in your mouth. The Riverblock vineyard has truly entered its prime.

— 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 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: 64% new, 36% 1 year old

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.57

TA: 0.57g/100ml

Alc: 14.0%

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