

# 2007 Westside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

In '05 I began blending in a small amount of fruit from our Litton Estate vineyards, and almost 15% of this blend comes from specially selected Litton blocks. Medium red, but rich in color, the wine presents a bouquet of ripe strawberries, berry cobbler, plums, anise, clove, butterscotch and toasty oak. The palate is layered with flavors of blackberry, cassis, cherry cola, sarsaparilla, toasted bread, minerals and concentrated ripe tannins. This multifarious and seductive wine shows the true vineyard expressions of this unique area — plus it was a lot of fun to blend.

-Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARDS

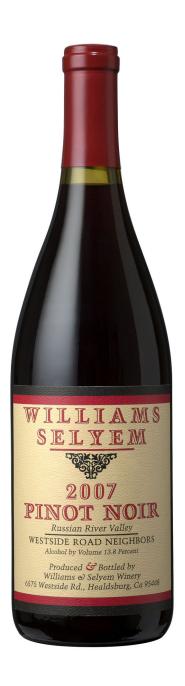
The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from neighboring vineyards along Westside Road: the Allen Vineyard, the Bacigalupi Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard, the Flax Vineyard, the Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard, and our Litton Estate Vineyard.

### HARVEST 2007

The 2007 vintage has produced wines of extremely high quality, wines that are each brilliant expressions of their sites. The growing season was distinguished by its evenness with a cool finish. The summer months were characterized by warm, sunny, near-perfect weather with very few heat spikes during the fruit ripening stage of the vine growth cycle. This resulted in very uniform ripening and optimal development of intense varietal flavors, aromas and expression. The wines of 2007 convey their unique characters in a manner more vivid, precise and evocative than we have come to anticipate. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this one really stands above all others.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 65% new, 35% 1-year old Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.44 TA: 0.63g/100mL Alc: 13.8% Released Spring 2009 \$67



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