

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2008 Eastside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The perfumed nose of optimally ripened black cherries, dried morels, earth and violets begins the experience of our newest blend from vineyards across the Russian River from us. Low yields in 2008 led to a more concentrated, brooding tannin profile that is enlivened by its juicy acidity. This may require a bit more patience to resolve with ageing. Rich dark berry fruits, game and minerality coat your palate with hints of caramel and dark chocolate. Blended from relatively younger vineyard sites that show the most potential of greatness since planting our Estate on Westside Road.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from four unique sites along Eastside Road: Calegari Vineyards, Black Rose Vineyard, Lone Oak Vineyard, and Foss Vineyard.

HARVEST 2008

2008 provided very concentrated, flavorful and high quality wines that are vividly expressive of the vineyards in which they were grown, despite being a difficult year for growing. The combination of numerous springtime frosts and cold rains damaged our buds and clusters, thus resulting in a lighter than average year. During the summer, the vines encountered near-perfect fruit ripening weather characterized by warm and sunny days with exceptionally few heat spikes. Very warm August temperatures quickened ripening, beginning a fast and furious harvest. The decreased yields resulted in very concentrated and extremely high quality wines, with brilliant flavor and phenolic ripening. The wines of 2008 express their distinctive sites and qualities in a very intense and focused manner: this is truly a vintage for the cellars, with great ageing potential for years to come.

TECHNICAL NOTES

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

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.6

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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