

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2008 Feeney Vineyard Zinfandel

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This Feeney Vineyard zinfandel shows the classic old vine zin characteristics we have all come to expect. The nose exhibits concentrated blackberry wild raspberry jam aromas, with hints of spice and toffee. In your mouth the rich and full tannins are only masked by the power of the berry fruits and balanced acidity that keeps those flavors lingering on and on in the finish. Concentrated and complex, this wine will drink very well now and mature nicely well into the future.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARDS

The grapes for the Feeney Vineyard Zinfandel come from the old Piner Heights Vineyard in west Santa Rosa, California. These zinfandel vines are over 90 years old and yield less than two tons per acre.

### 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 very early, 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: 25% 2-year-old, 75% 3+ year old

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.38

TA: 0.60g/100ml

Alc: 14.8%

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\$50

