

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2008 Precious Mountain Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Usually this vineyard produces a more feminine wine, but the 2008 version is a bit bigger. Multifaceted aromas of wild blackberries and raspberries, sweet roses, citrus blossom, Asian spice, green tea and toffee. In the mouth, rich dark red fruits burst out with a nice balance of acidity, black truffle, dried spices and mineral. The ripe, somewhat masculine tasting tannins are balanced by the concentration of fruit and a long juicy finish. A bigger than usual wine with immense ageing potential.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Precious Mountain located in the Sonoma Coast appellation, sits atop the second mountain ridge in from the Pacific Coast, near Fort Ross. This is a very small vineyard planted on steep slopes at an altitude of 1,750 feet. At this altitude coastal breezes, not fog, are responsible for Precious Mountain's cool evenings and moderate daytime temperatures. The vineyard is dry farmed to produce intense flavors.

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: 75% new oak, 25% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 17 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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