

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2008 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The aromas of ripe boysenberries, blueberry jam, forest floor, mineral and cola come through in the nose. Sweet and concentrated flavors of ripe blackberries, plums, earth, spice and cola highlight the mature thriving tannins on your palate. The concentration and expansiveness of the tannins from this vineyard still make it one of my all time favorite sites in the Russian River Valley.

—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 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: 70% new oak, 30% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 18 months

pH: 3.49

TA: 0.55g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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