

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2008 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Another tremendous vintage from our vineyards in the Central Coast. The ripe aromas of wild raspberry, green tea, mocha and spice direct the nose. This wine shows richer and broader tannins than the 2007 edition, with a better overall concentration and depth of fruit. A long sweet finish of boysenberry, wild flowers, minerality and silky-smooth oak help to complete this wine. Blended from the more mature blocks on this ranch, this wine seems to be finally coming into its own.

— Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Pommard.

### 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: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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