

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2011 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

A couple of newer clones are included from our vineyards on the Central Coast. The ripe aromas of cherry, raspberry, star jasmine, mocha and spice dominate the nose. This wine shows broader and suppler tannins than the 2010 vintage, with a nice overall concentration and depth of fruit. A long, sweet cherry and silky oak finish completes this wine. Patience of 4-6 years will be rewarded.

—*Director of Winemaking 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 2011

The 2011 vintage was marked by another cool year that produced wines with tremendous purity and depth. Similar in many ways to 2010, without the extremes, it had very low yields and below average cooler weather. But, the growing season in 2011 was much more consistent with gentle warming days and very cold summer nights. As a consequence, the vintage produced wines with incredible purity, remarkable acid and tannin balance, while expressing the uniqueness of each individual site and region. The signature of this vintage is one where the wines have bright fruit qualities, sound acidities and elegant tannin profiles. It is truly a vintage worth seeking.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 67% new oak, 33% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.49

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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