

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2015 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep and almost opaque in color. Calegari Pinot Noir typifies sophistication and precision, and the 2015 version is no exception. An explosive nose of mountain strawberry, red cherry, citrus peel, and dried rose petal lead in the provocative aromatics. A perfumed note of cardamom further adds complexity and intrigue. The acid profile is refreshing and linear, and offers the gamut of red fruit notes including currant and cranberry. Smoky tea flavors and dried herbs are overlaid in this highly focused offering.

### THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777, and more recently, Mt. Eden and Swan clones were added. 2008 marked the first vintage grapes were purchased from the Calegari Vineyard, and for many years these grapes were the anchor of the acclaimed Eastside Road Neighbors bottling. After working with the grapes for several vintages, we decided that the Calegari fruit warranted its own designation. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

### HARVEST 2015

The 2015 vintage continues the hit parade of great quality vintages of the last four years. The season started under extreme drought conditions despite a wet early winter. January was very dry and warm and brought bud break earlier than expected. The rains returned in early February and dramatically slowed down the growth of the plants. May temperatures were some of the coldest on record and negatively impacted flowering and therefore fruit set. By the end of July, the heat returned and, coupled with limited fog intrusion, the ripening process sped along quickly. Despite an auspicious start and a dramatic finish to the season, the 2015 wines may surpass some of the great recent vintages as they are bold and yet maintain their trueness to site. With superb color, structure and acidity, the wines have staying power, but with the wonderful texture and richness that are expressed today, who can resist them now?

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 63% new, 37% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.41

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.6%

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