

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Situated on the hills of Westside Road, the Estate strikes a balance between the delicacy of an Allen and the power of the Rochioli Pinot Noir. Dark cherry and plum mix with notes of anise and dried herbs. A hint of tangerine peel adds a wonderful liveliness to the rich aromatics. At the entry, the citrus notes are apparent but meld into cherry, strawberry, and notes of wood spices. The palate is very mineral driven with a strong finish of Asian tea.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

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: 69% new, 31% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 18 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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