

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Putting your nose to the glass immediately reveals something very special. Deep and brooding, the aromas are layered and show its breed. Dark fruited with notes of dried herbs, smoke, and soil combine to saturate the senses. Voluminous in the mouth, the wine is powerful and elegant all at once due to the highly refined and polished tannins. The acid is perfectly integrated and seems to have achieved an ethereal texture. Enough said, a Rochioli for the ages.

THE VINEYARD

The 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 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: 74% new, 26% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 17 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.54g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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