

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2016 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sourced from the Russian River Valley and the Sonoma Coast AVAs, the Sonoma County epitomizes elegance. Notes of strawberry and cherry are complemented by blueberry aromas. Hints of dried herbs and allspice combine with notes of Earl Grey tea. The palate mimics the nose with pretty strawberry and cherry flavors, and an added essence of plum. There is enough acidity to provide freshness all the way to the cherry stone sensation on the finish. This is a serious wine that is fruit-forward yet can definitely be enjoyed in its youth.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the Lone Oak Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard, the Foss Vineyard, the Flax Vineyard and from the Terra de Promissio Vineyard.

HARVEST 2016

The 2016 vintage was an excellent growing season, and started out as the previous four vintages; with a warm and dry winter. The main difference in 2016 was cooler temperatures in late February, and increasing rain totals in March that helped slow down vegetative growth. The net result was a slightly longer vegetative cycle, a slower grape maturation cycle, and therefore a later harvest compared to 2015. These events allowed for perfect maturation of the grape tannins and flavor development. Harvest started with pleasant weather on August 10 in the Middle Reach Neighborhood vineyards (Westside Road). Weather in late August cooled, and by early September temperatures warmed up and dry conditions prevailed. The result was our core harvest was completed under ideal conditions by end of September. Overall, the wines from the 2016 vintage exhibit wonderfully polished tannins due to long and slow grape maturation on the vine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 33% new, 33% 1 yr., 34% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.54

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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