

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2017 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The wine is bright and floral on the nose and offers aromas of cranberry and cherry with hints of sassafras root, while notes of tangerine add liveliness. Always red fruit-driven on the palate, the Calegari is a classic Russian River Valley Pinot Noir with medium-bodied tannins and a sensation of black tea on the finish. Streaks of minerals and loaminess enhance the fabulous texture.

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. 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 2017

It was an auspicious start to the 2017 growing season with steady rain followed by dry spells which allowed for the soil profile to fill up progressively. The waterworks kicked into high gear in January and as the soil dried up, temperatures moderated, and bud break ensued by mid-March. Steady rain through the vegetative cycle was balanced with days of brilliant sunshine which helped to grow green, healthy plants. The weather was very fine in May for the flowering period and ideal for the fruit set. As the season progressed, there were periods of heat that occurred with some regularity. With plenty of water in the soil profile, the plants did not stress too much and physiological maturity continued at an accelerated pace. In 2017, the harvest timeframe was compressed and many of the vineyards were ready in a short period of time. The process was nearly complete by the time the intense Labor Day heat wave hit and, thankfully, had concluded before the devastating wildfires in October. The resulting wines show a refinement to the tannin structure which will allow for early consumption but will age gracefully with mid-term cellaring. Through and through, 2017 is an excellent vintage.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 59% new, 41% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.46

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.5%

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