

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## Awards & Reviews

2004

90 points

Wispy notes of dried flowers overlie a generous complement of vibrant, young cherry-like fruit in the precise and concentrated aromas of this lovely Pinot, and the twin themes of deep fruit and vitality are again evident once in the mouth. The wine leans a little to firmness in its structure just now and ends with a pert bit of acidity, but both its slight narrowness and finishing edges have more to do with youth than anything else and its lengthy fruit bodes well for the future.

**Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, July 2006**

2003

Another outstanding Pinot, with exotic aromas of blackberry, black cherry, herb and toast. Boysenberry, raspberry, vanilla and licorice flavors are backed by bright acidity and a plush mouthfeel.

**San Francisco Chronicle, Top 100 Wines List, December 15, 2005**

2003

92 points

This Pinot is so addictively delicious. It's a big wine, in color and even some tannins, with juicy cherry, plum and cola flavors, but somehow manages to maintain elegance and delicacy. What a finish. It goes on for a full minute.

**Wine Enthusiast-November 1, 2005**

2003

90 points

Good dark ruby-tinged red. Black raspberry, cola, smoke, spices and loam on the nose, along with a whiff of orange peel. Fat, lush, oaky and full; large-scaled and a bit warm though not hugely sweet. Finishes with substantial ripe tannins.

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar-May/June 2005**

## 2004 Russian River Valley

Pinot Noir

### Winemaker Comments

This wine is always one of my favorite blends. The nose is scented of ripe cherries, wild blackberry jam, violets, spice, crème brûlée and honey-cured bacon. Your mouth fills with flavors of maraschino cherries, raspberries, sassafras, pie spices and toasty oak. The ripe, concentrated tannins are rich and round across the palate. The bright acidity and berry finish is long and lingering. Will age as well as any of the Russian River blends.

*Bob Cabral, Winemaker*

### The Vineyards

For the last 15 years we have been crafting "Artisan Pinot Noirs" from the most expensive fruit from a handful of Russian River Vineyards. Each parcel adds its expression to the complexity and overlapping flavors, all of which brings together a cohesive and balanced whole.

### Harvest

A hot spell in March followed by a warm spring influenced an unusually early bloom and budbreak. This precocious start, followed by a growing season of moderate temperatures, resulted in a very early harvest in 2004. Although we harvested the grapes two to three weeks earlier than normal, the long season provided ample time for the fruit to reach full maturity and develop extraordinary color and intense flavors. The Pinot noir harvest season was characterized by warm days coupled with low relative humidity, which helped to concentrate the flavors and aromatics.

### Technical Notes

For this blend, Bob selected handmade French oak barrels with medium plus "toast" to highlight the flavors from each vineyard. This wine was aged for 11 months in Francois Freres French oak barrels and then bottle aged for 8 months. The barrels were 38% new oak, 41% one-year-old and 21% two-year-old.

13.9% Alcohol, 0.57g/100ml TA, 3.62 pH

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