

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2005 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fresh aromas of ripe Bing cherries, toasted vanilla beans, wild berry fruits with a hint of smoky bacon, herbs and rose petal open up immediately in your glass. This medium bodied wine shows true pinot flavors of cherries, raspberry, cola, thyme, violets and roasted vanilla beans. A blend of vineyards primarily from the Russian River Valley, the wine finishes clean and long with a sweet note of cherry at the end. A balanced wine to consume while patiently waiting for the vineyard designates to mature.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from our Drake Estate Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard, and the Flax Vineyard.

### HARVEST 2005

Following a labor-intensive growing season due to early spring rains, a cool summer and mild fall weather extended the ripening season in 2005. This long, slow maturation period permitted flavors and color to develop to high levels, and the absence of weather threats or temperature extremes allowed fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness. Vineyards unaffected by bloom failure, particularly Pinot noir and Chardonnay in Russian River Valley, enjoyed a bountiful crop. The fruit quality was extremely high, contributing to balanced and elegant wines with concentrated flavors and intense color.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: Medium-plus toast Francois Frères, Tronçais

□ 35% new, 35% 1 year old, 30% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.64

TA: 0.54g/100ml

Alc: 13.8%

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