

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2020 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Deep and dark in color, the Russian River Valley offering has a complex array of fruit, floral, and citrus aromas. The wine has some mature blocks of Pommard from the WS Estate and early sites from the Santa Rosa Plain area of the Russian River Valley. With refreshing acidity and breadth of palate, this is a serious wine with red and black fruit flavors mixing with notes of citrus and black tea.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Martaella, Lewis MacGregor Estate, and Laguna.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test results for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 42% new, 58% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.58

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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