

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2020 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

With a red fruit profile, the 2020 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir showcases hints of raspberry, dried cranberry, and Bing cherry. The fruit notes meld into a bouquet of dried citrus peel and dried rose petals, and is highlighted by an English breakfast tea aroma. In the mouth, the flavors lead with citrus and cranberry, and finish with a tea-like tannin structure. The red clay soils in this vineyard help contribute to the elegant and refined tannins, with a hint of minerality on the finish.

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 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 result 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: 66% new, 34% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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