

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2020 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Perfumed and floral, the 2020 Williams Selyem Estate Pinot Noir is a study in balance. Fruit, floral, and earthy tones are complexed with wood spices and minerality. Similarly on the palate, the wine showcases terrific acidity and is balanced with fruit, earthiness, and refined tannins. A sensation of citrus peel gives way to crushed rocks and minerals, keeping the balance in perfect harmony on the finish.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

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: 76% new, 24% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.50

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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