

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Plum and blueberry fruit aromas jump out of the glass in this elegant and soft expression of Pinot Noir from younger vines at the Vista Verde Vineyard. Hints of red fruits mix with a savory complexion that add layers and depth. Supple and fresh on the palate, the Central Coast Pinot Noir offers flexibility in food pairings and can be enjoyed on the early side.

THE VINEYARD

The Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 667, Mt. Eden, and Swan.

HARVEST 2021

The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 34% new, 34% 1 yr., 32% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.52

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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