

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Martaella Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The inaugural release of the Martaella Vineyard Pinot Noir showcases the best of the Santa Rosa Plain area of the Russian River Valley. Perfumed with red and purple flowers, the fruit elements combine to showcase an explosively aromatic wine. Planted on clay loam soils with volcanic and sedimentary elements, the wine highlights a lush tannin profile with cool, aromatic fruit undertones. This wine is juicy and refreshing on the palate, with a harmonious and impeccable finish that closes with a sensation of black tea.

THE VINEYARDS

This 58-acre property is planted to 42 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the heart of the Russian River Valley. The vineyard sits atop a knoll, where the climate is influenced primarily by cooling fog from the Pacific Ocean a few miles to the west.

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: 60% new, 40% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.41

TA: 0.62g/100mL

Alc: 13.4%

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