

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2024 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Perfumed with the essence of Pinot Noir, this wine from the Estate on Westside Road immediately lures and captivates the senses. Hints of sandalwood, nutmeg, and other wood spices gently support the red fruit notes. The iron-rich red loamy soils on the hillside above the Russian River allow for perfect ripening of the fine-grained tannins to develop. Flavors of pure red fruit, sassafras, and Oolong tea stain the palate leaving a long impression as it transitions to minerals on the finish. An outstanding wine of refinement that will develop well with time.

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 2024

The 2024 growing season had an auspicious start with above average rain totals of nearly 36 inches on Westside Road. Early spring was cool and mild with few frost events, and bud-break started on average. With ample moisture in the soil, shoot growth was even with excellent vigor and balance. Cool weather prevailed and flowering was delayed until late May with excellent fruit set and a bountiful crop. As the season progressed, heat units built up and culminated in early July with temperatures of 103°F for several days, one of the warmest early summer periods in the last 15 years. Developing fruit can be very sensitive to heat, so shade cloth was used where possible to shield the grapes from excess heat damage. Critical thinning passes were made throughout the rest of the season to eliminate damaged fruit, avoiding the early season heat effect of anthocyanin degradation and uneven tannin development. Despite the challenges of the season, this vintage was a huge success due to proper thinning and the gentle extraction techniques built into the Williams Selyem methodology. These wines represent both place and vintage, and with patience will fully express themselves.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 59% new, 41% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.51

TA: 0.55g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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