# 2012 Foss Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS
Deep, rich elements of blackberry and black cherry comingle with hints of lavender, nutmeg, allspice and sandalwood in this second offering from the Foss Vineyard. While plush and round on the palate, the fresh acidity carries on through the mid-palate and gives length to the wine's chocolaty tannins. Vanilla and baking spices complete the profile of this wonderfully rich wine.
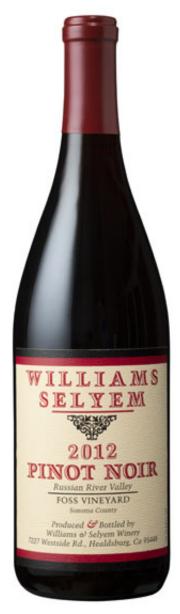
THE VINEYARD
The Foss Vineyard sits above Eastside Road in the Middle Reach region of the Russian River Valley. With a fine, clay loam soil type and a temperate microclimate, this site is extremely well drained and therefore an excellent site for Pinot Noir. Planted to Pommard, Swan, Mt. Eden, and 667 clones — together they offer a rich and complex palette to draw from in blending this incredibly rich and complex wine.

HARVEST 2012
Simply put, the 2012 vintage was amazing in many respects. After the cool growing seasons of 2010 and 2011, which resulted in excellent quality but very low yields, Mother Nature was smiling on us in 2012 with superb growing conditions for a bountiful harvest. The exceptional weather during the spring allowed for moderate vegetative growth, superb flowering conditions and an above average fruit set — berries and clusters sized up beyond original expectations. 2012 was a vintage where ripe mature stems, seeds and skin tannins were achieved with harmoniously balanced natural acidity. Enveloped with pure intense aromas, juicy flavors and rich textures, these structured wines are clearly the result of a truly extraordinary vintage. A vintage like this, where everything comes together perfectly, is rare and will certainly be a vintage to enjoy for many years to come!

TECHNICAL NOTES
Barrel Description: 64% new, 36% 1 year
Barrel Aged: 16 months
pH: 3.51
TA: 0.63g/100mL
Alc: 14.2%
Released Fall 2014
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