

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir aroma seems to jump from the glass with wild berry notes of alpine strawberry, blackberry, and subtle hints of blueberry and pomegranate. These fruit elements marry extremely well with the deeper bass notes and complement the oak spices and hints of grilled herbs. The palate is equally matched with a depth in complexity that rivals the aroma. The wild berry fruit profile gives way to a vibrant acidity and a wonderfully integrated tannin profile with a surprisingly delicate floral lift on the finish. The bright Sonoma Coast acidity is balanced by the velvety, rich finish. The 2012 Sonoma Coast would be the perfect accompaniment to a grilled squab or grilled saddle of rabbit.

### THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced primarily from the Hirsch Vineyard and our Drake Estate Vineyard.

### 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: 35% new, 35% 1 year old, 30% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 10 months

pH: 3.60

TA: 0.66g/100ml

Alc: 13.9%

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