

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2013 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Juicy strawberry and black cherry are complemented perfectly with citrus and creamy vanilla elements. Complex notes of cinnamon, crushed rocks and earthy tea add to the elegant nose that is Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir. Red flowers and red cherry provide an immediate lift in the mouth, which give way to highly polished tannins and an Oolong tea feel. This wine has a staying power that lingers on and on. The old vines on this site produce an incredible concentration on the nose and palate, which is unparalleled.

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Pinot Noir Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970s, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

HARVEST 2013

With great back-to-back vintages, 2013 was every bit as good as 2012 has proven to be. Amidst concerns about another drought year, the rain gauges filled up to about 80% of the yearly average. The growing conditions were very favorable, which resulted in a remarkably similar growing season to the exceptional 2012 vintage. The only notable difference, however, was the increase of heat units in 2013, as measured by the Growing Degree Day index. With below average rainfall for the season bud break initiated earlier than average along Westside Road. April showers helped to drive good shoot growth and set the plants up for May flowering. Excellent weather at flowering time allowed for fantastic set and a bountiful yield across all appellations and varieties. Even with an earlier start to the growing season, the grapes had the ideal amount of time on the vine to achieve full maturity without any threat of inclement weather late in the season. Wines from the 2013 vintage exhibit extremely pure and polished tannins and the acidity will provide longevity, but the supple structure also offers earlier enjoyment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 64% new, 36% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.56

TA: 0.64g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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