

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2013 Eastside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The Eastside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir always shows a darker fruit profile, when compared to its Westside Road counterpart. Aromas of blackberry and black cherry immediately fill the nose, while dried rose petal, mushroom, mocha and cherry cordial further add to the complexity. Succulent in the mouth, the black fruit character and softly textured tannin creates an elegant offering, which can be enjoyed in the near term but will certainly develop well with additional bottle aging.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from four unique sites along Eastside Road: Foss Vineyard, Calegari Vineyard, Hunt Ryd Vineyard, and Lone Oak Vineyards.

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: 60% new, 40% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.55

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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