

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2014 Drake Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

In the glass, an alluring yellow hue with a green glint summons the senses. At first nosing, the Williams Selyem Drake Estate Vineyard Chardonnay immediately showcases the minerality of the vineyard site in Guerneville. Star fruit, yellow apple, pear skin, and quince are perfectly complemented by subtle notes of nutmeg and cardamom. In the mouth, there is an eruption of pear and Meyer lemon skin that are accompanied by a juicy acidity that seems to cleanse the palate.

THE VINEYARD

The Drake Estate Vineyard is located right on the Russian River near Guerneville, and it has the same Yolo Sandy Silt Loam soil as found in many of the very best vineyards along Westside Road. Originally planted to Rome apples, a late-ripening variety, the property has proven itself an exceptional location for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

HARVEST 2014

After two stellar vintages, 2014 completes the trifecta of high quality growing seasons where the wines exhibit purity of place with generous fruit and elegant textures. The season began as one of the driest winters on record with only 40% of normal rainfall by mid-season. April rains replenished the soil's moisture profile to re-invigorate the plants, boost growth, and help set a bountiful crop. The harvest season was near perfect with warm temperatures allowing for a leisurely picking schedule. 2014 is a superb vintage of compelling nature and will develop well with long range cellaring.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 20% new, 10% 1yr., 14% 2yr., 56% 3+yr.

Barrel Aged: 17 months

pH: 3.41

TA: 0.68g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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