

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2014 Foss Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2014 vintage from Foss Vineyard is perhaps the most compelling thus far, exhibiting the classical black cherry, blackberry, and Rooibos tea notes. Elements of Chinese five-spice and a touch of tarragon add complexity to the elegant nose. Completely seamless on the palate, the acid and the tannins have a gossamer-like texture that clings to the tongue. On the finish, flavors of sarsaparilla root, chocolate, and hazelnut skin complete the supple palate.

THE VINEYARD

The 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 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-energize 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: 63% new, 37% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.49

TA: 0.57 g/100mL

Alc: 13.5%

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