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2010 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

As is so common with the Allen vineyard, the wine has a wonderful feminine bouquet of fragrant rose, strawberry, raspberry and five spice. The maturity of the vines contributes to the amazing complexity of this wine. The palate offers powdery mouth-coating tannins, raspberry and dark cherry fruit with Asian spices, sweet caramel and mocha oak and a long chocolate cherry finish, intermingled with spices and minerals. This is a wine with a wonderful acid-tannin structure that has a long life ahead of it. It is a very broad and centered wine that seems to continue to build on the palate. The Allen vineyard always produces a more subtle Pinot Noir that ages deceptively well. I won't be touching mine for 7-10 years! —Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

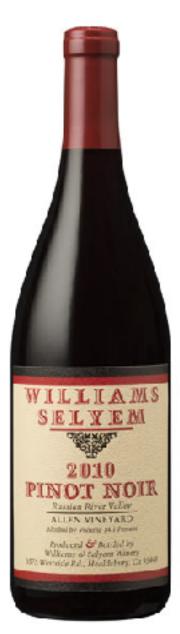
The Allen Pinot Noir Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970's, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

HARVEST 2010

The 2010 vintage produced wines reflective of each individual vineyard site and appellation with concentrated aromas, rich fruit flavors, nicely balance acidity and supple tannin structure. The hallmark of the 2010 vintage is one of extremes; between cool, early season temperatures and extreme late season heat, wines of tremendous character were made through careful attention to detail.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 57% new oak, 43% 1-year-old Barrel Aged: 16 months pH: 3.56 TA: 0.63g/100mL Alc: 14.1% Released Fall 2012 \$82



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