

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2008 Block 10 - Mass Selection Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir



A unique 3-acre block on the new Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard, every 18th vine is a different clone or field selection, planted on 420A rootstock. The inter-dispersion of these clones allows this homogeneous mixture to illustrate the true expression of the soils on this site. I wanted to craft a wine that would put the pieces of the puzzle together when visiting our new Estate Winery. So for now, this wine will only be sold at the new winery. The lower yields in 2008 allowed for only bottling 2 barrels of this first release. There was also a slight departure in winemaking as well. In addition to the Francois Frères barrels we traditionally use, I also used 50% Marcel Cadet (a water-bent barrel) from Dargaud et Jaegle. Additionally, 35-40% whole cluster was used in the uninoculated fermentation to add freshness and purity of fruit as well as additional spice from tannins extracted from the rachis. The wine was aged in 75% new oak and 25% once used oak for about 20 months. There are delicate aromas of wild raspberries, citrus blossom, black truffle, mocha and wet stones that fill your glass. Concentrated raspberry and sweet cranberry flavors gently coat your palate and finish with discreet flavors of spice (cardamom, fennel, thyme and tarragon), cola, truffle and mineral. A long, spicy and dense finish succumbs only to the mouth-watering acidity that requires you to take another taste. There is really a great solidity and transparency of this site in every glass. The true persona of this location is very much verbalized in this wine. Crafted to age for a decade or so, but can be enjoyed sooner. Hopefully patience will prevail!

— Winemaker Bob Cabral

14.3% alc.

\$68

47 cases produced