

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2008 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Coffee mocha and ripe wild blackberries dominate the nose of this masculine wine. Racy cherry/berry flavors and rich fat tannins fill your mouth, along with Shiitake mushrooms in the finish. The newer clonal plantings from this ranch were bulked out due to smoke taint, but the remaining lots have added an enormous amount of depth and complexity to this wine. The extracted tannin will soften with several years of patience in your cellar.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

Ferrington Vineyard is located in Mendocino County's Anderson Valley. The 70 acres of rich valley floor were planted with clones brought back from Burgundy. Five clones including Pommard (UCD4), 115, 777, and 667 of Pinot Noir comprise about 27 acres of this vineyard.

HARVEST 2008

2008 provided very concentrated, flavorful and high quality wines that are vividly expressive of the vineyards in which they were grown, despite being a difficult year for growing. The combination of numerous springtime frosts and cold rains damaged our buds and clusters, thus resulting in a lighter than average year. During the summer, the vines encountered near-perfect fruit ripening weather characterized by warm and sunny days with exceptionally few heat spikes. Very warm August temperatures quickened ripening, beginning a fast and furious harvest. The decreased yields resulted in very concentrated and extremely high quality wines, with brilliant flavor and phenolic ripening. The wines of 2008 express their distinctive sites and qualities in a very intense and focused manner: this is truly a vintage for the cellars, with great ageing potential for years to come.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 60% new oak, 40% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 17 months

pH: 3.25

TA: 0.66g/100mL

Alc: 14.3%

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