

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2008 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fresh aromas of Rainier cherries, toasted vanilla beans, wild berry fruits with smoky bacon, herbs and rose petal open up immediately in your glass. This medium bodied wine shows true pinot flavors of wild cherries, pomegranates, sassafras, fennel, and white truffles. A blend of vineyards primarily from the Russian River Valley with a few Dijon clones from the Sonoma Coast, this wine finishes clean and long with a sweet note of cherry at the end.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

### THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from our Drake Estate Vineyard, Litton Estate Vineyard, and from the Bucher 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 very early, 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: 25% new, 50% 1 year old, 25% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.61

TA: 0.63g/100ml

Alc: 13.8%

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