

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2017 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Musky notes combine with spiced pear in this wonderful follow-up offering from our Estate Vineyard on Westside Road. Waxy notes of starfruit add a layer of intrigue. Counterpointed to the fruit elements is a lively spearmint aromatic. Round and rich on the palate, the tannins are mouthcoating with lifted flavors of flowers, pears, and apples. Just enough acidity throughout the palate gives a refreshing sensation to the well-rounded finish.

### THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road just below the winery and adjacent to the Russian River. The vineyard is planted to 20 different clones of Chardonnay and shares a similar soil profile to the Allen Vineyard and Rochioli Riverblock.

### HARVEST 2017

It was an auspicious start to the 2017 growing season with steady rain followed by dry spells which allowed for the soil profile to fill up progressively. The waterworks kicked into high gear in January and as the soil dried up, temperatures moderated, and bud break ensued by mid-March. Steady rain through the vegetative cycle was balanced with days of brilliant sunshine which helped to grow green, healthy plants. The weather was very fine in May for the flowering period and ideal for the fruit set. As the season progressed, there were periods of heat that occurred with some regularity. With plenty of water in the soil profile, the plants did not stress too much and physiological maturity continued at an accelerated pace. In 2017, the harvest timeframe was compressed and many of the vineyards were ready in a short period of time. The process was nearly complete by the time the intense Labor Day heat wave hit and, thankfully, had concluded before the devastating wildfires in October. The resulting wines show a refinement to the tannin structure which will allow for early consumption but will age gracefully with mid-term cellaring. Through and through, 2017 is an excellent vintage.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 23% new, 27% 1 yr., 23% 2 yr., 27% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.38

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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