

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2017 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Notes of dark cherry and raspberry saturate the nose along with a touch of citrus and rosemary. There is a freshness on the nose, a characteristic which is typical of fruit grown on the Estate, while deep bass notes of baking spices add layers and complexity. On the palate, the wine is lithe with fresh acidity and red and black fruit flavors. A profile of minerals and crushed rocks gives length and induces a mouthcoating sensation on the palate. The Williams Selyem Estate is a wonderful parallel of power and elegance—a classic in the making.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

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: 68% new, 32% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.45

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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