

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2005 Flax Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Blackberry, wild boysenberry, plum, saffras and shiitake mushroom aromas come to life in the glass. The rich and broad tannins accentuate the focus of berry and exotic spicy flavors across your palate. Young, yet sophisticated and sexy. Extremely cellar worthy.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARD

The Flax Vineyard is located just south of our winemaking facility, in the Russian River Valley. Three blocks totaling 9 acres make up this unique vineyard. Planted in 1996, the UCD4 (Pommard) clonal selection on 3309P rootstock seems to have found a home in the fractured sandstone soils of this region.

HARVEST 2005

Following a labor-intensive growing season due to early spring rains, a cool summer and mild fall weather extended the ripening season in 2005. This long, slow maturation period permitted flavors and color to develop to high levels, and the absence of weather threats or temperature extremes allowed fruit to be picked at optimum ripeness. Vineyards unaffected by bloom failure, particularly Pinot noir and Chardonnay in Russian River Valley, enjoyed a bountiful crop. The fruit quality was extremely high, contributing to balanced and elegant wines with concentrated flavors and intense color.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 63% new, 37% 1 year old

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.63

TA: 0.51g/100ml

Alc: 14.4%

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