

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2005 Westside Road Neighbors Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Always among the most challenging blends to assemble, Neighbors is one of our most complex wines of this vintage. Dark and rich in color, the bouquet of cherry cobbler, Santa Rosa plums, fennel, clove, rose petal and toasty oak immediately fills your glass. The palate is layered with flavors of wild blackberry, cherry cola, cassis, mineral, spice and toasty oak. From our best growers along Westside Road.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from neighboring vineyards along Westside Road: the Allen Vineyard, the Bacigalupi Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard, the Flax Vineyard, and the Rochioli Riverblock Vineyard.

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: Medium-plus toast Francois Frères, Tronçais

□ 52% new, 27% 1 year old, 21% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 14 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.55g/100ml

Alc: 14.3%

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