

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2018 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Notes of strawberry, plum, black cherry, and cool herbs combine with woody spices like nutmeg and allspice. Hints of citrus and cedar offer an airiness to the wonderful aromatics. There is good weight throughout the palate and the wine offers a strong impression of chalky minerals that are overlaid with berry fruits, citrus, and hints of elderberry.

THE VINEYARD

The Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 667, Mt. Eden, and Swan.

HARVEST 2018

The winter months were very dry with unseasonably warm weather in the early part of the season. By mid-February the rains had returned; nearly doubling the total rainfall and staving off early budbreak. The much-needed rains continued through March resulting in budbreak for the larger part of Westside Road by month-end. The remainder of the spring saw additional rainfall with spates of warm weather interspersed. The plants responded well under these near-perfect vegetative cycle conditions. Flowering commenced in June under ideal temperatures. Subsequently, below-average temperatures ensued for a week and a half which extended the bloom schedule. The net effect of the cooling trend created a looser cluster and some millerandage or “hens and chicks,” a highly desirable trait for many reasons including better phenolic development and better air flow through the cluster to prevent mold. Heading into the season, crop loads were near-historic averages with great vine balance. Harvest started on the 16th of August under ideal conditions with moderate, consistent temperatures. Vintage highlights include site specificity and elegance, while displaying concentration and balance—another great Williams Selyem year in the making.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 37% new, 37% 1 yr., 26% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 13.3%

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