

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2018 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Dark berry aromas mix with a touch of dried herbs and notes of lavender in this coastal Pinot Noir offering. The oak is perfectly integrated with subtle tones of vanilla and wood spices. Musky undertones complete the wonderfully dark and brooding aromatics. Muscular in the mouth, the tannins are of a different place, with mineral undertones and nice acidity to carry to the finish.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the Terra de Promissio Vineyard, the Coastlands Vineyard, the Falstaff Vineyard, the Precious Mountain Vineyard, and our Drake Estate Vineyard.

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: 40% new, 60% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 12 months

pH: 3.64

TA: 0.56g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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