

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2018 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The nose is simply mesmerizing with effusive and delicate aromas of flowers, strawberry, and cherry, while notes of crushed rocks adding further intrigue. The palate showcases red fruits with notes of black tea, citrus, and a mineral-laden finish. The harmony in this wine is compelling and there is a track record for age ability.

### THE VINEYARD

The Allen Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970s, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

### 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: 53% new, 47% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.61

TA: 0.62g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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