

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2018 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Located on the hillsides on Westside Road, the Bucher Vineyard is unique and distinctive. Deep and dark in color, the wine showcases flavors of black raspberry and is layered with tons of earthy and soil-inflected character. With aeration, notes of fresh herbs and dried flowers are coaxed from the glass. Opulent and round in the mouth; berry and red fruits shine through the wonderful loamy complexion. The acid is nearly invisible on the palate, with an excellent tannin structure to prolong the finish. Give this wine a few years to come together and you will be rewarded with a creamy, elegant expression of Pinot Noir.

### THE VINEYARD

The Bucher Vineyard is located about 1½ miles north of our winemaking facility on Westside Road. The clones planted include 777, 115, 37, and Pommard 4, with an Arbuckle gravelly loam soil.

### 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: 62% new, 38% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.51

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.6%

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