

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2018 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Pomegranate, berry fruits, and plum mix with hints of fresh cut flowers and savory herbs in yet another great showing from our Vista Verde Vineyard. Underneath the fruit elements are some deeper tones along with the prototypical flinty, mineral-driven aromas. Broad and expansive on the palate, the wine showcases minerals across the tongue along with berry fruits and a strong impression of Oolong tea on the finish. The components for Vista Verde are now sourced exclusively from steep limestone hillsides which creates a wine with structure and verve.

THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is 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 blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, 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: 61% new, 39% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.54

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 13.3%

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