

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2019 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Showy notes of lilac and berry fruits combine with citrus and woody spice notes in this elegant wine. The Central Coast is a blend of various blocks at the Vista Verde Vineyard, meant to highlight the elegance of this unique site. Perched on the hilltops and grown on limestone rich soils, the grapes enjoy a nice, long cool growing season. This translates into a wine with an excellent balance of berry fruits, dried herbs, and minerally undertones.

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 2019

The 2019 growing season started with ample rainfall in the winter months and finished well above average. Wet soil and cool temperatures conspired to delay bud break nearly two weeks later than historical average. Moderate to slightly above average temperatures ensued and the vegetative cycle caught up. Flowering started under ideal conditions but a late May rain event delayed flowering for a week. This had some impact and created some shatter and smaller clusters. These smaller clusters are desirable because they are looser and the smaller the berry, the higher the tendency to yield concentrated and flavorful wines. The remainder of the growing season was largely uneventful. August was largely fog-free, so the nights were warmer and the days sunnier which tended to move photosynthesis and maturation along more quickly. The harvest schedule was mostly routine and rather leisurely with grapes arriving to the winery in pristine condition. The 2019 wines are impressive with excellent color, depth, and precision of site. The polish of the tannins and softer acid profiles will offer early appeal but can certainly hold on for years.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 35% new, 35% 1 yr., 30% 2 yr.
Barrel Aged: 11 months
pH: 3.54
TA: 0.59g/100mL
Alc: 13.4%
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