

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2019 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Strawberry and dark cherry aromas abound in this wonderfully charming wine. Notes of English Breakfast tea are woven into notes of potpourri and wood spice. Serious on the palate, the wine exhibits a wonderful balance of concentration, freshness, and balance. The tannins are approachable, as usual, and this wine is a perfect choice for early consumption.

### THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Foss, Bucher, and our Drake Estate and Williams Selyem Estate properties.

### 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, 30% 1 yr., 35% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.54

TA: 0.62g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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