

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2019 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Allen Vineyard is situated on the hillside above Rochioli Vineyard and the Russian River, and the resulting Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir is all about refinement and elegance. Beyond the floral and red fruited complexion are aromas of crushed rocks and tea-like elements. On the palate, the age of the vines comes through in a detailed and quietly powerful way that is ethereal.

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 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: 50% new, 50% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.54

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 14.0%

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