

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2020 Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Dark and brooding, the aromatics showcase a broad spectrum of black and red fruits in the 2020 Lewis MacGregor Estate Pinot Noir. The concentration on the nose is compelling and is leavened with hints of anise, bergamot, and cedar. Broad and saturating on the entry, the wine overwhelms the palate with dense notes of berry fruits, citrus, and black tea. The sensation of the black tea-like tannin lingers on the palate all the way through the long finish.

### THE VINEYARD

The Lewis MacGregor Estate Vineyard is nestled in on the ridgeline between Eastside Road and Starr Road and has a wonderfully well drained sandy loam soil with interspersed stream gravel. Named in honor of John Dyson's grandfather, the vineyard has a moderate micro-climate and is perfectly suited to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay to yield wines with character and verve.

### HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test result for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 60% new, 40% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

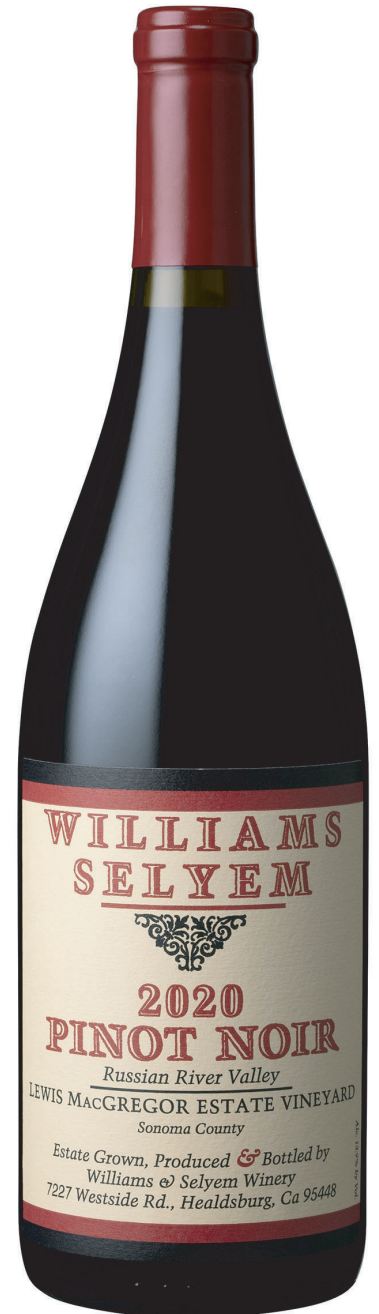
pH: 3.45

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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