

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Olivet Lane Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Yellow pear, apple, and quince notes combine with aromas of lime and citrus. Wood spices add depth while a hint of tarragon adds lift and intrigue. Sourced from old vines and planted to old Wente Chardonnay, this wine has terrific concentration and depth while maintaining a lively, refreshing palate structure. Round and graceful, the palate is subtly mineral driven with a quinine-like finish.

THE VINEYARD

Located on the western benchlands of the Santa Rosa Plain, the Olivet Lane Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in the Russian River Valley. It was planted in 1975 by the Pellegrini family to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines exclusively.

HARVEST 2021

The 2021 growing season experienced only about 14 inches of rain, challenging the plants from the outset of the year. Late winter and early spring were cold and dry, bringing some uneven growth and stress to the plants. The canopies were a little smaller than average going into the flowering, however the weather was ideal and mild. Flowering determines quality and quantity, so it is the most important time. The 2021 season yielded an average to slightly below average crop size with outstanding quality. Largely, the growing season saw mild temperatures but with several scattered heat events. 2021 thankfully saw the return of the fog, which saved the vintage by keeping the nighttime temperatures cool, refreshing the plants, and keeping them hydrated under severe conditions. Due to the changing climate, fog intrusion has been minimal the last few vintages. The 2021 season finished up around the historical average for temperatures. Despite the inauspicious start to the year, the wines showcase terrific verve, character, and site specificity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 17% new, 33% 1 yr., 33% 2 yr., 17% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 13 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.54g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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