

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2021 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromatically, the nose on the Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir has a cooler fruit character with undertones of dried herbs and wood spices. The cooler coastal hills often present wines with less fruit overtones and more savory notes. There is terrific coverage on the palate with soft acidity and broad tannins that tell the story of more adversity during the growing season. Red berry fruits and hints of graphite and cedar further add to the unique quality found in cool coastal climates.

### THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the Terra de Promissio Vineyard, the Falstaff Vineyard, the Putnam Vineyard, the Starkey Vineyard, and our Drake Estate Vineyard.

### 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: 40% new, 60% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.42

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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