

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Elegant and precise, the Allen Vineyard is a classic vineyard site that epitomizes both the Williams Selyem style and the beauty of the Russian River Valley. Dark cherry and dried strawberry notes abound in the glass along with the signature bouquet of flowers. Subtle aromas of wood spices and cinnamon add character and depth to the nose. Elements of black tea combine with red fruits then transition to savory notes on the palate. The tension of the tannins, crushed rock and mineral impressions complete the palate and offer a beautifully elegant finish.

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 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: 55% new, 45% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.37

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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