

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2021 Savoy Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Black cherry and blueberry notes combine with hints of dried herbs in this wonderfully complex and aromatic wine. Situated in a part of the Anderson Valley where the vineyard is often wind swept and very cool, the gentle slope allows excellent drainage and modest vigor, yielding a wine with terrific concentration and verve. Hints of allspice and Christmas spices add further depth to this dramatic wine. Dark cherry and tangerine flavors are apparent with hints of wood spices. The wine builds on the palate with the culmination of savory herbs, black tea, and a cherry pit sensation on the finish. Voluminous and structured, this site exhibits a terrific balance of power and grace.

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: 70% new, 30% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.50

TA: 0.55g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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