

# WILLIAMS SELYEM

## 2022 Martaella Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Planted to one of the highest density spacings in the Russian River Valley, the wine showcases power, grace and elegance. The nose leads with notes of black cherry and raspberry that meld into hints of Earl Grey tea to offer a kaleidoscope of aromas. A dried flower note further adds complexity. The palate is equally sensational with red and black fruit flavors that transition to excellent acid verve that ultimately give way to a substantial, yet refined tannin structure.

### HARVEST 2022

The 2022 growing season experienced epic drought conditions, with the first half of the calendar year being one of the driest on record. Most of the rainfall came in November and December, saturating the soil, and setting the stage for the early part of the year. With a full soil moisture profile and moderate temperatures in the early spring, bud break started around historical average. Many frost nights ensued, which impacted early season growth and slowed down shoot elongation, creating some unevenness. The cool period in and around flowering further prolonged the flowering cycle and created a wide degree of variability. The unsettled weather in general ranged from cool temperatures to occasional rain showers to a freak hailstorm in early May. The remainder of the season was thankfully moderate, and harvest started on historical average in early August. The key to success in 2022 was the selective thinning of shoots and fruit to reduce the variation, tightening the window of ripening. Due to the complexities of the growing season, the wines show excellent structure and verve, with typical site specificity, and all in all a terrific vintage with aging potential.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 61% new, 39% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 13.6%

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