

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2022 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Highly aromatic and perfumed, the Allen Chardonnay is a quintessential Russian River Valley Chardonnay at its best. Notes of spiced pear and yellow apple combine with hints of white flowers and tangerine. Subtle notes of allspice and nutmeg compliment the knockout nose. The palate is beautifully rich with outstanding acid that gives the wine an ethereal quality as if to glide across the tongue. Pear and pear skin flavors predominate. The structure of the wine is compelling with terrific tannins that transition to a delightful crushed mineral 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 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: 27% new, 26% 1yr., 20% 2 yr., 27% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.23

TA: 0.66g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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