

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2022 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Exotic and floral at the outset, notes of lime, pear, and apple are discernible. Musk melon belies the floral character and adds a wonderful depth. The palate is rich and round with an elegant finish. The burst of melon and jasmine flowers in the mid-palate adds a satisfying depth to the palate. The finish is effusive and subtle with a hint of salinity to complete the picture.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road just below the winery and adjacent to the Russian River. The vineyard is planted to 20 different clones of Chardonnay and shares a similar soil profile to the Allen Vineyard and Rochioli Riverblock.

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: 17% new, 33% 1yr., 17% 2 yr., 33% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.52

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.4%

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