

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2022 Bucher Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Aromatically unique in profile, notes of raspberry and cream combine with earthy elements. Clove, cedar, leather, and sous bois aromas all layer together in the nose. Vibrant and fresh in the mouth, the flavors of red fruits are a counterpoint to the earthy, leathery elements, which intrigue the palate. Situated on the hills of Westside Road, this is usually one of the first sites picked, which preserves the raspberry freshness of this wine.

THE VINEYARD

The Bucher Vineyard is located about 1½ miles north of our winemaking facility on Westside Road. The clones planted include 777, 115, 37, and Pommard 4, with an Arbuckle gravelly loam soil.

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: 63% new, 37% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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