

WILLIAMS SELYEM

2022 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Beautifully aromatic with raspberry and black cherry notes. Highlighted with hints of bergamot and cedar, this wine is luxuriously layered. Hints of clove and sarsaparilla add an enticing mid-bass range to the nose. Delicate and powerful at the same time, the wine coats the palate with red fruits and citrus. The tannins are extremely refined and approachable but will develop nicely over time. The finish is poised and graceful with a crushed rock and mineral finish.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

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: 65% new, 35% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.56

TA: 0.56g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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