

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2020 Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Notes of lavender, dried rose petals, and hibiscus are apparent upon first nosing. Upon further study, aromas of red fruits, plum, and fresh currant emerge. Hints of graphite or pencil lead add further depth and intrigue to the exciting aromatics. Situated in a cool microclimate in the southwest end of the Oakville district, the cool freshness of the wine is compelling. In the mouth, the wine coats the palate while the acidity keeps the wine lively and focused. Flavors of red fruit, cedar, and aged tobacco combine to offer a complex palate. Texturally alluring with refined tannins and terrific extraction, the wine finishes with a citrus and mineral sensation.

### HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test results for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new  
Barrel Aged: 20 months  
pH: 3.49  
TA: 0.64g/100mL  
Alc: 14.7%  
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