

# 2023 Anderson Valley Pinot Noir

#### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This is our second vintage crafting the Anderson Valley blend from three distinct vineyard sites. The wine highlights pennyroyal and subtle fir-tip notes that are representative of the region. Fresh herb notes complement blueberry and plum flavors. The palate is full of fine-grain tannins, which are chased by delicate acidity and subtle bitterness that elegantly punctuates the finish.

### THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Conzelman, Ferrington, and Purcell.

## HARVEST 2023

We experienced a welcome sense of normality in 2023, after tumultuous weather patterns during previous growing seasons, including drought conditions, heat events, and hail. This vintage began auspiciously with historical average rainfall and modest temperatures at the start of bud break. Ample sunshine and early heat resulted in even growth of the canopies, creating uniformity and balance as the vines entered the flowering cycle. While it was similarly cool at the outset of 2011, the 2023 heat units built slowly, and the weather was ideal by May. The flowering period was quick, and the fruit set bountiful. The weather was perfect in June and July, with a few heat spikes that kept the plants healthy and sustained. Mid-season crop adjustments were necessary to ensure good vine balance as veraison approached. With the cooler start to the vintage and the normal fog pattern of August, the ripening cycle slowed, and the crop achieved ideal hang time for tannin development at modest sugars. Across the board, the wines exhibit terrific purity of character with excellent tannin resolution. While hot and dry years can create wines of shocking intensity, these cooler vintages showcase the elegant style of Williams Selvem.

## **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Barrel Description: 49% new, 51% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.56g/100mL

Alc: 14.1% Released 2025

