

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2023 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The incredible diversity of our growing region is evident in this blend's assemblage of vineyard lots. The flavors show remarkable synergy while showcasing the unique characteristics of each vineyard source. Dried lavender and rose potpourri aromas of the Williams Selyem Estate blend harmoniously with fresh herbal tarragon notes from Rochioli Riverblock. Rounding out the nose are red fruit and citrus rind scents from Drake Estate and Laguna Ranch. The components from Martaella and Olivet Lane Vineyards carry the palate, giving it both acidic freshness and substantial tannins. We hope you enjoy this blend as an introduction to our portfolio of Pinot Noirs. It is a wine that can be shared and enjoyed on any occasion.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Drake, Laguna, Lewis MacGregor Estate, Martaella, Olivet Lane, Rochioli Riverblock, and the Williams Selyem Estate.

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 Selyem.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 27% new, 26% 1 yr., 47% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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