



2023 Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Alpine strawberry and red cherry notes jump from the glass in this Westside Road classic. First released in 1988, the Allen Vineyard Pinot Noir remains one of the longest standing bottlings in the Williams Selyem portfolio. The site is nearly perfectly situated in the Russian River Valley with a hillside aspect across Westside Road from Rochioli Vineyard. This magical location enjoys the confluence of cool breezes and rocky well-drained, iron-rich soils. Classic Pinot Noir character shines through in this delicately balanced wine that exhibits perfect balance with a wonderful mineral streak. A wine that showcases the best of the Russian River Valley and the poise and elegance of the Williams Selyem style.

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Vineyard surrounds our winemaking facility. This Russian River Valley hillside vineyard was planted in the early 1970s, and produces low yields of exceptional quality Pinot Noir.

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: 53% new, 47% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.53g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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