



## 2023 Calejari Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This site epitomizes classic Russian River Valley aromatics with bright red fruit character. Along with red fruits, the wine is highlighted with dried rose petals, cinnamon, and dried citrus peel. The palate has a wonderful tangerine streak with a burst of cranberry and cherry flavors. Medium grained tannins give a sensation of black tea and the wine concludes with a subtle gravelly, mineral-driven finish.

### THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777, and more recently, Mt. Eden and Swan clones were added. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calejari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

### 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: 63% new, 37% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.35

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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