



## 2023 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The Ferrington Vineyard is a classic site, producing wines that are lithe and focused. Located in the southernmost section of the Anderson Valley, it experiences dramatic diurnal temperature shifts with warm days and extremely cold nights. The nature of these conditions preserves the typical red fruit character of the wine while maintaining the acidity. Aromas and flavors of cranberry, red cherry, and currant mix with hints of tangerine and bergamot. The medium bodied tannins carry through and conclude with a satisfying, earthy finish.

### THE VINEYARD

Ferrington Vineyard is located in Mendocino County's Anderson Valley. The 70 acres of rich valley floor were planted with clones brought back from Burgundy. Six clones of Pinot Noir, including Pommard (UCD4), 115, 777, 667, 943 and Romanee-Conti selection, comprise about 27 acres of this vineyard.

### 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: 54% new, 46% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.34

TA: 0.60g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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