



# 2023 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Delicately perfumed with red fruits and wood spices, the Williams Selyem Estate showcases superb balance and elegance. Grown on iron rich soils on a gentle slope above Westside Road, there is a wonderful mineral and earthy element reminiscent of terra cotta. The classic description of sarsaparilla for Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is also evident in the aroma. Beautifully balanced on the palate, the tannins are refined, the acid harmonious, and the finish is minerally and elegant. A classic in the making.

## THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

## 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: 69% new, 31% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.55g/100mL

Alc: 14.0%

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