

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2024 Martaella Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Alluring aromas give a perfumed essence of Pinot Noir in this wonderfully complex wine. Red fruits mix with fennel frond and Earl Grey tea, beautifully counterpointed with wood spices. Further aeration brings notes of mulberry and blue fruit. Located in the Russian River Valley's Santa Rosa Plain, the vineyard is planted to a higher density and competition between plants results in elegance and refinement on the nose and palate. The entry of the wine is rich and appealing, as red fruit flavors combine with citrus, transitioning to polished tannins and a tea-like finish.

### THE VINEYARD

This 58-acre property in the heart of the Russian River Valley is planted to 42 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The vineyard sits atop a knoll, where the climate is influenced primarily by cooling fog from the Pacific Ocean a few miles to the west.

### HARVEST 2024

The 2024 growing season had an auspicious start with above average rain totals of nearly 36 inches on Westside Road. Early spring was cool and mild with few frost events, and bud-break started on average. With ample moisture in the soil, shoot growth was even with excellent vigor and balance. Cool weather prevailed and flowering was delayed until late May with excellent fruit set and a bountiful crop. As the season progressed, heat units built up and culminated in early July with temperatures of 103°F for several days, one of the warmest early summer periods in the last 15 years. Developing fruit can be very sensitive to heat, so shade cloth was used where possible to shield the grapes from excess heat damage. Critical thinning passes were made throughout the rest of the season to eliminate damaged fruit, avoiding the early season heat effect of anthocyanin degradation and uneven tannin development. Despite the challenges of the season, this vintage was a huge success due to proper thinning and the gentle extraction techniques built into the Williams Selyem methodology. These wines represent both place and vintage, and with patience will fully express themselves.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 61% new, 39% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.59

TA: 0.53g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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