

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2024 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Exotic and brooding upon first nosing, this wine transports you to a different place. The Sonoma Coast, with its rugged landscape and long growing season, produces wine tending towards savory notes with excellent structure. Black and blue fruits are counterpointed with hints of tarragon and dried thyme. Dark fruits and citrus the tannins build on the palate with a wonderful mineral driven conclusion.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the following vineyards: Falstaff, Putnam, Starkey, and Terra de Promissio.

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: 43% new, 57% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

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