

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2023 Iconic Vineyards Selection Cabernet Sauvignon

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sourced from iconic vineyards in Oakville and Rutherford, the new Iconic Vineyard Selection is artfully blended to capture the essence of Cabernet Sauvignon and the Napa Valley, showcasing freshness and elegance. Dark fruited in nature, hints of tobacco combine with floral undertones to offer levity to the wonderfully complex nose. Red and black fruits saturate the palate with hints of cedar and citrus that carry through the polished tannins with a powdery and mineral-driven finish. Made with the Williams Selyem dairy tank method, the elegance of the tannins shines through to create balance and harmony for near term enjoyment as well as longevity to age gracefully for years to come.

### 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: 100% New

Barrel Aged: 20 months

pH: 3.67

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.9%

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