

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2024 Saitone Estate Antonio's Field Blend

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Sourced from a block at our Saitone Estate that has a high concentration of Alicante Bouchet, this old-vine field blend exhibits fantastic color and concentration.

Alicante is known as a teinturier grape, in which color compounds are in both the skin and the pulp, leading to wines of intensity and intrigue. In most other grape varieties, the color compounds are only in the skin. Brooding with dark fruits and anise, the wine exudes complexity. On the palate, flavors of red and black fruits are framed with a citrus-like juicy acidity. The tannins are robust but polished, something that only old vines can accomplish. Enjoy with a grilled steak or tri-tip.

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: 100% Used large format Stockinger Demi-muids

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.47

TA: 0.61g/100mL

Alc: 14.6%

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