

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2011 Block 10 - Mass Selection Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our 4th vintage of this “winery only” Estate bottling yielded one of our best to date. 2011 was a very long, cool growing season that allowed the fruit to mature evenly. There is a bouquet of ripe cranberry, boysenberry, fresh Morel mushrooms, Asian spice and sandalwood. A very textural wine with rich dark red berry flavors that have liqueur like depth and concentration fill out the mouth. Big spicy tannins from the use of 38% whole clusters during the fermentation, add to the vibrant, mouth watering juicy finish. This wine shows great depth and balance for extended aging and I believe that patience will be rewarded.

—*Director of Winemaking Bob Cabral*

### THE VINEYARD

A unique 3-acre block on the new Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard, every 18th vine is planted to a different clone or field selection, and then grafted onto 420A rootstock. The inter-dispersion of these clones allows this homogeneous mixture of pinot noir genetic material to illustrate the true expression of the soils on our Estate Ranch. I wanted to craft a wine that would help put the pieces of the puzzle together when visiting our new Estate Winery. This wine is only going to be sold at the Estate Winery.

### HARVEST 2011

The 2011 vintage was marked by another cool year that produced wines with tremendous purity and depth. Similar in many ways to 2010, without the extremes, it had very low yields and below average cooler weather. But, the growing season in 2011 was much more consistent with gentle warming days and very cold summer nights. As a consequence, the vintage produced wines with incredible purity, remarkable acid and tannin balance, while expressing the uniqueness of each individual site and region. The signature of this vintage is one where the wines have bright fruit qualities, sound acidities and elegant tannin profiles. It is truly a vintage worth seeking.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 50% New, 50% 1-year-old

Barrel Aged: 20 months

pH: 3.44

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.7%

Released: Spring 2013

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