

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The second vintage from the Calegari Vineyard offers an array of red cherry, cranberry and red raspberry aromas, while red rose, saffrafrs and cinnamon burst from the glass. The juicy acidity is coupled with a silky, tea-like finish that lingers on the palate. A component of the Eastside Road Neighbors since 2008, this second vintage of the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir is a classic example of Pinot Noir from Russian River Valley.

THE VINEYARD

In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777. 2008 marked the first vintage grapes were purchased from the Calegari Vineyard, and for many years these grapes were the anchor of the acclaimed Eastside Road Neighbors bottling. After working with the grapes for several vintages, we decided that the Calegari fruit warranted its own designation. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

HARVEST 2012

Simply put, the 2012 vintage was amazing in many respects. After the cool growing seasons of 2010 and 2011, which resulted in excellent quality but very low yields, Mother Nature was smiling on us in 2012 with superb growing conditions for a bountiful harvest. The exceptional weather during the spring allowed for moderate vegetative growth, superb flowering conditions and an above average fruit set — berries and clusters sized up beyond original expectations. 2012 was a vintage where ripe mature stems, seeds and skin tannins were achieved with harmoniously balanced natural acidity. Enveloped with pure intense aromas, juicy flavors and rich textures, these structured wines are clearly the result of a truly extraordinary vintage. A vintage like this, where everything comes together perfectly, is rare and will certainly be a vintage to enjoy for many years to come!

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 63% new, 37% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.50

TA: 0.58g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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