

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2012 Burt Williams' Morning Dew Ranch Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Burt Williams' Morning Dew Ranch sits in an ideal cool climate location for Pinot Noir. This is a highly expressive wine, rich in aromatics with notes of pomegranate, orange, allspice and vanilla. Additional layers of ginger, pencil lead and minerals complete the intense profile. Round and supple in the mouth, the seamless acidity carries the flavors and the fine grained tannins effortlessly into the long finish. This is another impressive vintage from Burt Williams' Morning Dew Ranch, which will improve with an additional 7-10 years of aging.

### THE VINEYARD

This 40-acre property in the "deep end" of the Anderson Valley has 13 acres planted to Pinot Noir. In 2000, the land was cleared and planted to cuttings from the Rochioli vineyard, DRC suitcase selections from adjacent vineyards, clone 23, and Dijon clones 115, 777 and 828. The vineyard has Franciscan soils, clay underlain with sandstone.

### 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: 60% new oak, 40% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.61

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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