

# WILLIAMS SELYEM



## 2012 Peay Vineyard Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

2012 marks the last vintage for the Williams Selyem Peay Vineyard Pinot Noir. The bright cherry and wild herb notes capture the essence of this cool climate site on the coastal ridgeline. The cherry notes carry through onto the palate and finishes with a subtle mineral note that is typical of the site.

### THE VINEYARD

The Peay Vineyard sits in a remote spot about 4 miles from the Pacific Ocean and is shrouded in fog most mornings and evenings. The Peay Vineyard is a no-till vineyard, with moderate leaf removal on the shade side and canopy interior. The cropload is adjusted annually as needed.

### 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: 59% new, 41% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.51

TA: 0.59g/100mL

Alc: 14.2%

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