

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The nose is very floral at first with a beautiful lilac aroma and leads into strawberry and Montgomery cherry notes. The wine is beautifully framed with allspice and vanilla. Hints of freshly cut tarragon add a savory complexity to this delicious offering. The palate leads with strawberry and cherry notes and the juicy acidity seems to carry the wine and close with a silky finish. Overall, it is very round and unctuous in the mouth. An amalgam of younger vineyards from the Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast, primarily Pommard and Dijon clones, this wine shows the true diversity of Sonoma County. The long texture finishes with a kiss of cherry fruit and mouthwatering acidity.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced primarily from the Lone Oak Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard and from the Rochioli Vineyard.

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: 30% new, 35% 1 year old, 35% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 10 months

pH: 3.66

TA: 0.63g/100ml

Alc: 13.7%

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