

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2012 Vista Verde Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Deep berry notes intertwined with plum and crushed raspberries jump from the glass, while flavors of vanilla and nutmeg help complete the aromatic profile. This wine has wonderful mouthfeel, which gives way to a refreshing acidity with hints of spice and mandarin orange on the mid-palate. A lifted note of fresh rose petals with underlying chalky minerality and mocha round out this complex wine.

THE VINEYARD

Vista Verde Vineyard is located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, near the small town of Tres Pinos in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into blocks that include clones such as Calera, Canada, and Pommard.

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: 3.48

TA: 0.62g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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