

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2013 Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The hillsides of Westside Road are special because of their red soils, which seem to impart a mineral elegance; the Williams Selyem Estate typifies this. Pure cherry notes intermix with blood orange, oyster shell and fennel seed, and meld seamlessly with the elegance of the French oak flavors imparted during barrel aging. The very fine acidity highlights a precision that drives the length of the polished tannins. A very textural wine that must be cellared to achieve its full potential.

THE VINEYARD

Our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard is nestled in the heart of the Russian River Valley on Westside Road. With an opportunity to plant to our exact specifications, we selected clones of Pommard, Swan, Calera, and Mt. Eden (UCD 37). The vines are positioned northeast to southwest to allow for even exposure to the summer sun.

HARVEST 2013

With great back-to-back vintages, 2013 was every bit as good as 2012 has proven to be. Amidst concerns about another drought year, the rain gauges filled up to about 80% of the yearly average. The growing conditions were very favorable, which resulted in a remarkably similar growing season to the exceptional 2012 vintage. The only notable difference, however, was the increase of heat units in 2013, as measured by the Growing Degree Day index. With below average rainfall for the season bud break initiated earlier than average along Westside Road. April showers helped to drive good shoot growth and set the plants up for May flowering. Excellent weather at flowering time allowed for fantastic set and a bountiful yield across all appellations and varieties. Even with an earlier start to the growing season, the grapes had the ideal amount of time on the vine to achieve full maturity without any threat of inclement weather late in the season. Wines from the 2013 vintage exhibit extremely pure and polished tannins and the acidity will provide longevity, but the supple structure also offers earlier enjoyment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 75% new oak, 25% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 19 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.67g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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