

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2013 Burt Williams' Morning Dew Ranch Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Explosive aromatics of black cherry, pomegranate and elderberry immediately emerge from the glass, while subtle touches of mandarin orange and vanilla keep the nose fresh. A surprising note of nectarine further adds to the complex aroma. Fleshy on the palate, there is weight without heaviness, owing to the balanced acidity. In the mouth, minerals and finely textured tannin seem to cling to the palate and finish with a spicy cherry pit impression. Again, patience is required in this glorious effort.

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 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: 60% new oak, 40% 1 year

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.57

TA: 0.63g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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