

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2013 Terra de Promissio Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This is our third vintage of Terra de Promissio and it continues to be a high performing site. The nose leads with star anise and wet earth, but quickly gives way to cherry pit, blood orange, and grenadine. A touch of purple flowers shows off the lighter side of this dark and brooding wine. In the mouth, it dazzles as potpourri spices intermingle with black cherry and cherry pit flavors. There is a centered quality to this wine, with a perfect balance of acid and tannins. The medium tannic structure seems almost dusty but possesses a refreshing citrus feel, reminiscent of single origin Brazilian coffee. The wine lingers on the palate with great tenacity and a tangy finish.

THE VINEYARD

The Terra de Promissio Vineyard (which means "the land of promise") is owned by Charles and Diana Karren, and is located in the southeast part of Petaluma. Fog influenced and often windy, Terra de Promissio is definitely in a cool region of the Sonoma Coast appellation. Clones 777 and 115 are planted on gently sloping hillsides in loam and alluvial type soils. The long growing season and moderate temperatures produce wines with wonderfully balanced tannins and acidity.

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, as well.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 62% new, 38% 1 year old

Barrel Aged: 15 months

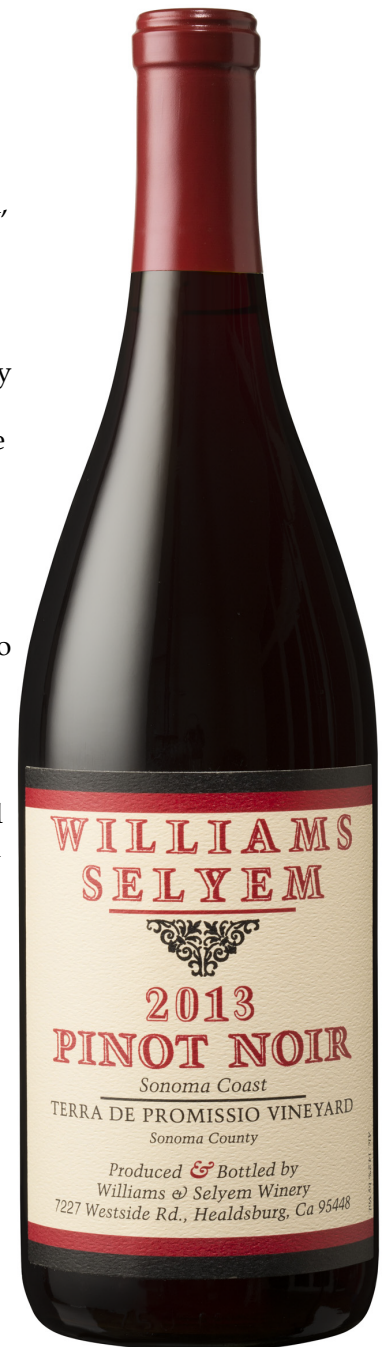
pH: 3.53

TA: 0.65g/100ml

Alc: 14.2%

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