

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2014 Allen Vineyard Chardonnay

WINEMAKER NOTES

Gravenstein apple, pear skin, and smoky tea-like aromas, accompanied by notes of Tahitian vanilla bean, jump from the glass. A bouquet of cardamom, tangerine, and yuzu add a refreshing lift to the nose. Similarly, the palate is focused with flavors of yellow apple, poached pear, and citrus peel, joined by hints of minerals, giving the palate a unique dimension. The tannins are completely sublime, adding weight in the mid-palate before the floral lift on the finish.

THE VINEYARD

The Allen Vineyard is adjacent to Rochioli Vineyard, approximately six miles southwest of the town of Healdsburg, banking the Russian River. Fog-cooled evenings and moderately warm daytime temperatures make the Russian River Valley region ideal for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

HARVEST 2014

After two stellar vintages, 2014 completes the trifecta of high quality growing seasons where the wines exhibit purity of place with generous fruit and elegant textures. The season began as one of the driest winters on record with only 40% of normal rainfall by mid-season. April rains replenished the soil's moisture profile to re-invigorate the plants, boost growth, and help set a bountiful crop. The harvest season was near perfect with warm temperatures allowing for a leisurely picking schedule. 2014 is a superb vintage of compelling nature and will develop well with long range cellaring.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 24% new, 29% 1 yr., 10% 2 yr., 37% 3+ yr.

Barrel Aged: 17 months

pH: 3.19

TA: 0.68g/100mL

Alc: 14.7%

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