

2014 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

Bright red fruits and blood orange peel jump from the glass in this outstanding effort from Calegari Vineyard. A bouquet of lavender and rose intermingle with savory elements of fennel and thyme to complete the aromatic profile. Start to finish on the palate, the wine completely coats the tongue with flavors of red cherry, cranberry, and citrus peel. The acidity conveys a sense of liveliness and focus while remaining graceful on the palate. On the finish, there are subtle hints of Orange Pekoe tea.

THE VINEYARD

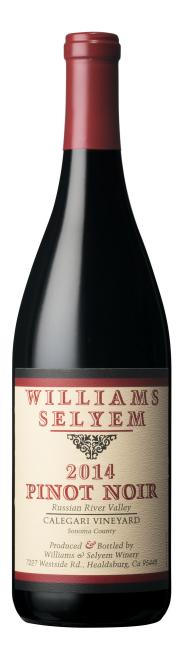
In 2001, approximately 14 acres of Pinot Noir were planted to clones 115 and 777, and more recently, Mt. Eden and Swan clones were added. 2008 marked the first vintage grapes were purchased from the Calegari Vineyard, and for many years these grapes were the anchor of the acclaimed Eastside Road Neighbors bottling. After working with the grapes for several vintages, we decided that the Calegari fruit warranted its own designation. The signature of this wine is its bright red fruit and floral qualities; the Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir exemplifies true Russian River Valley style.

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: 63% new, 37% 1 yr. Barrel Aged: 15 months pH: 3.34 TA: 0.60 g/100mL Alc: 14.1% Released Fall 2016 \$58



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