

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Central Coast Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The vivid red color immediately allures and entices the senses. Notes of plums and berries intermix with nutmeg and allspice. A touch of clove and tangerine peel adds an intriguing element reminiscent of mulling spices. In the mouth, the wine has a seamless texture with rather polished tannins throughout the length of the palate. The well-integrated acidity seems to drive the palate with flavors of plum and an earthy Mocha Java coffee blend. Rather elegant in style, the 2015 Central Coast offering would be a great choice as an aperitif or with light appetizers.

THE VINEYARD

The Vista Verde Vineyard, located a couple miles southeast of Hollister, California, in San Benito County. This heavy limestone vineyard is separated into nine blocks that include clones such as Pommard, Calera, Canada, 667, Mt. Eden, and Swan.

HARVEST 2015

The 2015 vintage continues the hit parade of great quality vintages of the last four years. The season started under extreme drought conditions despite a wet early winter. January was very dry and warm and brought bud break earlier than expected. The rains returned in early February and dramatically slowed down the growth of the plants. May temperatures were some of the coldest on record and negatively impacted flowering and therefore fruit set. By the end of July, the heat returned and, coupled with limited fog intrusion, the ripening process sped along quickly. Despite an auspicious start and a dramatic finish to the season, the 2015 wines may surpass some of the great recent vintages as they are bold and yet maintain their trueness to site. With superb color, structure and acidity, the wines have staying power, but with the wonderful texture and richness that are expressed today, who can resist them now?

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 32% new, 36% 1 yr., 32% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.46

TA: 0.61 g/100mL

Alc: 13.2%

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