

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Olivet Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Situated in the Santa Rosa Plain area of the Russian River Valley AVA, the historic Olivet Lane Vineyard always delivers a nose of dried rose petals and a bowl of black cherries. Fresh ground nutmeg, subtle notes of vanilla, and bergamot complement the rich and brooding aromatic profile. The palate is equally as compelling and offers a round and persistent flavor of black cherry and cherry pit. The acid is perfectly balanced and is seamlessly integrated into the black tea-like architecture of tannins. A wonderful lift of citrus and nutmeg on the finish keeps the palate refreshing and adds intrigue.

THE VINEYARD

Located on the western benchlands of the Santa Rosa Plain, the Olivet Lane Vineyard is one of the older vineyards in the Russian River Valley. It was planted in 1975 by the Pellegrini family to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vines exclusively.

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: 62% new, 38% 1 yr.

Barrel Aged: 15 months

pH: 3.50

TA: 0.58 g/100mL

Alc: 13.9%

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