

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2015 Sonoma County Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The explosive nose of alpine strawberry, red cherry and black raspberry give way to notes of sandalwood, bergamot, and dried sage leaves. A subtle note of pencil shavings or graphite add another layer of depth. The palate leads with flavors of plum and black cherry, and melds into notes of black tea in the middle palate. The finish has a nice citrus peel lift and is punctuated by a cherry pit sensation.

THE VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir for this blend was sourced from the Lone Oak Vineyard, the Bucher Vineyard, the Foss Vineyard, the Flax Vineyard and from the Terra de Promissio Vineyard.

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: 33% new, 34% 1 yr., 33% 2 yr.

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.53

TA: 0.61 g/100mL

Alc: 13.8%

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