

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2022 Calegari Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Complex and alluring on the nose, this wine is reminiscent of potpourri spices with highlights of red fruits and citrus peel. Notes of dried rose petals and lavender offer a beautiful lift to this highly aromatic wine. Vibrant and focused in the mouth, with flavors of bright red fruits and citrus peel, and a persistent finish of black tea-like tannins. Calegari is typified by red fruits and a tangy acid profile that allows for a wide array of food pairings. This is quintessential Russian River Valley Pinot Noir at its best.

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. 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 2022

The 2022 growing season experienced epic drought conditions, with the first half of the calendar year being one of the driest on record. Most of the rainfall came in November and December, saturating the soil, and setting the stage for the early part of the year. With a full soil moisture profile and moderate temperatures in the early spring, bud break started around historical average. Many frost nights ensued, which impacted early season growth and slowed down shoot elongation, creating some unevenness. The cool period in and around flowering further prolonged the flowering cycle and created a wide degree of variability. The unsettled weather in general ranged from cool temperatures to occasional rain showers to a freak hailstorm in early May. The remainder of the season was thankfully moderate, and harvest started on historical average in early August. The key to success in 2022 was the selective thinning of shoots and fruit to reduce the variation, tightening the window of ripening. Due to the complexities of the growing season, the wines show excellent structure and verve, with typical site specificity, and all in all a terrific vintage with aging potential.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 61% new, 39% 1yr.

Barrel Aged: 16 months

pH: 3.44

TA: 0.57g/100mL

Alc: 14.1%

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