

FAIVELEY FAMILY MAKES FIRST INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA WINERY

The Faiveley family has purchased an important minority holding in Williams Selyem Winery, partnering with the Dyson family to ensure the winery continues to thrive for decades to come.

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For over a decade, The Faiveley Family had been looking for a vineyard in the United States. Erwan Faiveley stated: “We have a long friendship and history with America, a passion for its wines and people. As Burgundians, we were looking to grow the best Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the United States. Sonoma County and especially Russian River Valley was natural for us, and Williams Selyem has always been one of our favorite wineries. We are delighted and proud that John and Kathe gave us their trust.”

After 23 years running Williams Selyem, John and Kathe Dyson have decided to partner with the Faiveley Family to write the next chapter of Williams Selyem. John Dyson stated: “Kathe and I have been looking for the perfect family to eventually succeed us. For many years, we have cherished and refined the winemaking legacy of Burt Williams and Ed Selyem. We have turned aside many offers from entities that did not share our vision. With the Faiveley family, we believe we have found the right partner with a long-term commitment, who shares our philosophy of making the greatest wines.”

The Faiveley Family has purchased an important minority holding in Williams Selyem, with the eventual possibility of a smooth ownership transition in the future. The Dyson’s will stay in control for at least three years directing the winery with the same vision and values. The Williams Selyem team will also continue for many years to come and Director of Winemaking Jeff Mangahas remains dedicated to producing wines of the very best quality. All the existing staff will remain at the winery with the same dedication to superior Russian River wines.

About the Faiveley Family :

Based in Nuits-Saint-Georges, the Faiveley Family owns over 120 hectares of vines in outstanding terroirs including 12 Grands Crus and 25 Premiers Crus. Founded in 1825, it is one of Burgundy’s most renowned wine domaines. Managed by the 7th generation, Eve and Erwan Faiveley, the domaine makes wines combining strength, finesse and elegance.

About Williams Selyem:

Founded 40 years ago by Burt Williams and Ed Selyem, Williams Selyem under the guidance of the Dyson family has continued to grow and make it's stellar, award winning wines. The winery is located in the heart of the Russian River Valley in California's Sonoma County. It owns over 135 acres of prime Russian River Valley vineyards. The winery also buys fruit from the pre-eminent growers in Sonoma County and other vineyards.

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