



ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

VINTAGE 2018 • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OBSERVATIONS ON A VINTAGE

Our harvest in 2018 saw a return to below average rainfall for the year. However, late spring rains kicked-off the growing season with a great start. As we moved into the summer months, the temperatures warmed up giving our fruit a chance to develop nicely. As we moved into August and early September, they brought a wild swing to the weather with very cool temperatures and foggy conditions.

This proved to be the perfect climate for our fruit and, once again, the Russian River Valley lived up to its reputation as one of the best places in the world to grow Pinot Noir. The first fruit arrived from our Vine Hill Ranch on August 27th. A short two and half weeks later, the last grapes from Owsley vineyard were harvested for this wine.

OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS

Vine Hill Ranch, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, has more than a 400 ft. elevation change that allows each ridge, slope, and valley in the vineyard to contribute unique characteristics to the grapes. Combined with a variety of soils, clones and rootstocks that limit excessive vine growth, the vineyard provides a beautiful variety of elegant and balanced fruit. The Owsley Estate consists of ten unique vineyard blocks of Pinot Noir. Owsley is known for its dramatic temperature changes from warm days to cool, foggy nights. The constant fluctuating temperatures create concentrated and complex flavors in the grapes.

ON THE WINE

As in year's past, the fruit for this vintage of rosé was specifically grown and harvested to craft this wine. Grapes were whole-cluster pressed and the juice was left in direct contact with the skins for a short period of time to achieve the perfect pale, coral pink color. Each batch of rosé was fermented separately in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures to protect the delicate aromas and flavors. After fermentation, the rosé batches were blended together and prepared for bottling in early December.

As you pour this wine, you will notice fragrant fruit aromas of fresh strawberries, red cherry and grapefruit with just a glimmer of hibiscus tea. On the palate, the wine is crisp and fresh with an almost weightless mouthfeel. Bright acidity and crisp fruits carry through to the back of the palate leading to crisp and lingering finish of red berry fruit.

Alcohol 11.9% • TA: 7.7 gms/L • pH: 3.16 • RS: Dry • 100% Pinot Noir • 100% Whole Cluster
Direct to Press • 100% Tank Fermented
Appellation This Vintage: Russian River Valley



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