



ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR Vintage 2019 • Russian River Valley

OBSERVATIONS ON A NEW VINTAGE

Vintage 2019 will be remembered for the unrelenting amount of rain we received in northern California. With almost double the average rainfall combined with late spring rains, the season got off to a late, slow start. However, the summer saw no extremes, just superb California weather. The growing season remained perfect up to and through harvest which set us up for a classic vintage.

The first fruit for this wine came from our Vine Hill Ranch and was picked almost two weeks later than average. The rosé fruit from our Owsley vineyard was picked two weeks after that. Grapes from both vineyards showcased beautiful, bright fruit flavors and great acidity.

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.

Our 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. Clusters were destemmed and crushed leaving the juice in direct contact with the skins for a short period of time before gently pressing the grapes to achieve the perfect pale 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.

Exquisite rosé wines are known for being both beautiful and delicate; this 2019 vintage is a shining example as to why Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley makes exceptional rosé. In the glass, the wine reveals a gorgeous, peony blush color and opens up to aromas of wild strawberry and pink grapefruit. On the palate, you will find the crisp flavor of watermelon, a hint of powdered sugar and just a slight glimmer of hibiscus tea. Bright acidity and fresh fruit carry all the way through rounding out to a crisp, lingering finish of tropical and citrus fruits. This wine is summer in a bottle and ready to enjoy now!

Alcohol 11.9% • TA: 8.5 gms/L • pH: 3.2 • RS: Dry •
100% Pinot Noir • 70% Whole Berry • 30% Whole Cluster •
50% Direct to Press • 50% 3-4 hours in maceration
Appellation This Vintage: Russian River Valley



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