



ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR VINTAGE 2020 • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OBSERVATIONS ON A NEW VINTAGE

Just when we thought a harvest could not get any more challenging – along comes 2020! The year started off with an emerging drought, then in March, Covid hit forcing us to rethink how we would continue to operate while keeping our employees safe. About the time we were getting used to our new ways of working and gearing up for harvest, August rolls in bringing with it a heat wave, freak dry lightning storms and raging wildfires. Amid much uncertainty, we began our rose' harvest on August 19th at Vine Hill Ranch and completed a short two-weeks later with fruit from our Owsley estate. Despite all the additional challenges and stress that this year brought to our winemaking efforts, 2020, just like every year before it, worked out. Best of all, we are thrilled with the quality and style of this year's vintage. Let's all raise a glass and bid this year adieu!

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 rose' 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 to achieve the perfect pale pink color; immediately after grapes were gently pressed to obtain the juice. Each batch of rose' 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.

Our 2020 Rose' of Pinot Noir is a beautiful and delicate example of why Russian River Valley Pinot Noir makes a wonderful rose'. The beautiful, light salmon color of the wine catches the light in the glass and opens up with aromas of blueberry, pink grapefruit, cantaloupe and a light hint of rose petal. A crisp, refreshing mouthfeel accentuates the fresh fruit flavors of citrus, strawberry and blood orange. The wine finishes long and tangy. It is the perfect warm weather wine to enjoy all summer long.

Alcohol 11.9% • TA: 7 g/L • pH: 3.2 • RS: 3.0
100% Pinot Noir • 100% Whole Cluster Direct to Press • 100% Tank Fermented
Appellation This Vintage: Russian River Valley



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