



ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

VINTAGE 2021 • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OBSERVATIONS ON A NEW VINTAGE

And here we go again!

With only a third of our normal rainfall & a fairly dry spring, all of California is in the midst of a historic drought. As in other drought years, our vineyard team prioritized careful monitoring of the vine needs & soil moisture which got us through a difficult season.

A huge benefit was a perfect spring and summer season with no weather extremes. This was followed by a typical cool down the first half of August and then perfect ripening weather throughout the entire harvest. We started about a week later than normal with grapes for rosé from Vine Hill Ranch on Aug 24. With the perfect conditions, the harvest for rosé ended at Owsley on Sept 13.

OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS

Vine Hill Ranch, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, has more than a 300-ft. of 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 with our prior rosé vintages, our fruit 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 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.

Our 2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir is a beautiful and delicate example of why Russian River Valley Pinot Noir makes a wonderful rosé. The beautiful, light salmon color of the wine catches the light in the glass and opens up with aromas of tangerine, pink grapefruit, strawberry, raspberry and a light hint of rose petal. A crisp, refreshing mouthfeel accentuates the fresh fruit flavors of citrus, red berry fruit with a tropical twist that leads to a long, juicy and tangy finish. It is the perfect warm weather wine to sip on all summer long.

Alc. by Vol. 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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