



ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

VINTAGE 2022 • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OBSERVATIONS ON A NEW VINTAGE

And, here we go again! Yes, I know I said that last year, but here we go again!

After what looked like a promising season last fall, the first three months of the year came in to be the driest on record. Even with some solid rain in the spring, all of California continues a third year of what is now called a mega-drought, affecting much of the western U.S.

As in other drought years, careful monitoring of the vine needs and soil moisture got us through a difficult season. A huge benefit was a perfect spring/summer season with no weather extremes. This was followed by a beautiful August and the return of the fog. We picked the fruit for the rosé slightly earlier than normal at our estate vineyards - Vine Hill - on August 17th and 18th and Owsley on August 30th and 31st. The fruit gave us just perfect flavors and acidity.

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 produce this wine. Clusters were destemmed and pressed 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.

Like our prior vintages, our 2022 Rosé of Pinot Noir is a beautiful and delicate example of why Russian River Valley Pinot Noir makes a wonderful rosé. The wine reveals a beautiful, light salmon color that catches the light in the glass and opens up to aromas of tangerine, wild strawberry, raspberry, a light touch of watermelon and perfumed rose petals. A crisp, refreshing mouthfeel accentuates the fresh fruit flavors of red berry fruit and a tropical twist that leads to a long, juicy and tangy finish. It is the perfect warm weather wine to enjoy all season.

Alcohol by Vol 11.9% • TA: 7.4 g/L • pH: 3.09 • RS: 2.6 • 100% Pinot Noir •
100% Whole Cluster Direct to Press • 100% Tank Fermented
Appellation This Vintage: Russian River Valley



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