



2016 Pinot Noir Rosé Sonoma Coast

VINEYARD: Our Rosé of Pinot Noir was predominantly made using fruit from a select block of our Thale's Estate Vineyard. This block provides a fruit profile that is ideal for our rosé, with high acid and bright aromatic fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Rosé is a fun, yet challenging, wine to make. The light pink color is all about timing and vineyard choice. Color is the first lure of this wine, and it is crucial to have it just right in order to create an appealing rosé. To give the wine fruit, a round mid-palate, fresh acidity and a poignant finish, many vinification methods are used in our winemaking. About half of the fruit was put directly to press, which produces an incredibly light and delicate pink color but brings a bit more structure and mouthfeel to the wine. The other half was produced using the saignée method of pulling juice from destemmed grapes in the still wine fermenter. This method produces an aromatic, fruit-forward wine. A range of 2 to 48 hours of skin contact exposure was used to vary the amount of color in each lot. This gave us a lovely palette of colors to use when it came to blending.

Using both the direct-to-press and saignée styles provides mouthfeel and structure along with a bright fruit bouquet. We also use just a touch of neutral oak, which gives this wine a round palate while preserving the wine's delicate nature and bright fruit. The wine was aged for three months and then bottled while still crisp and fresh, on February 15th, 2017.

TASTING NOTES: A completely dry rosé, the only perception of sweetness is from this wine's alluring strawberry and peach elements. In the glass, it has an inviting pale pink color that hints at the delicate aromas and flavors. The strawberry and peach notes are echoed on the palate, alongside hints of tangerine, all of which are underscored by a beam of acidity that carries the wine to a long, soft finish. Crisp and refreshing, this is the perfect wine to enjoy while sitting outside in the sun on a beautiful day. Rosé pairs well with any spring and summer fare! Enjoy now, before the spring and summer of 2017 are a memory.

1030 cases produced

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