



2015 Pinot Noir Rosé Sonoma Coast



VINEYARD: Our Rosé of Pinot Noir was made using fruit from two vineyards in the Sonoma Coast. The first vineyard is on our new Estate, Thale's Vineyard. Block A was used because it showed a fruit profile that seemed ideal for our Rosé. The second portion of the Rosé blend came from a Carneros vineyard, Champlin Creek. Planted to clone 667, this vineyard has small berries and clusters that make a delicate style pinot noir, perfect for our delicate rosé.

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 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. The majority of the fruit from Thale's Vineyard was sent directly to press to tank. The wine was fermented and stored in a stainless steel tank to never see oak. A small portion of the Thale's fruit and Champlin Creek fruit was macerated for 24-48 hours after which the juice was bled off and put into three-year-old French oak barrels.

Using both direct to press and saignée styles provide both mouth feel and structure along with a bright fruit bouquet. The touch of neutral oak gives this wine a round palate and helps fix the color. The wine was aged for three months and then bottled while still crisp and fresh, on February 17th, 2016.

TASTING NOTES: A completely dry Rosé, the only perception of sweetness is from the strawberry and floral aromas. The wine has a pale pink color that reminds one of rose petals. The aromas and flavors are delicate with a confident acidic backbone and a soft finish. This is the perfect wine to enjoy while sitting outside in the sun enjoying a beautiful day. It would also perfectly complement to a fruit and cheese spread. Enjoy now, before the spring and summer of 2016 are a memory.

This vintage produced 515 (750 ml) cases

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