

2018 ROSÉ R.R.V.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Russian River Valley Rosé, comprised of 67% Pinot Noir complemented by 33% Grenache, is the perfect accompaniment to a lazy Sunday afternoon with its bright summery bouquet. Fragrances of cantaloupe, nectarine and rose petals excite the nose and lay down a pathway for flavors of creamy strawberry shortcake, blood orange and tangerine rind. Light undertones of assorted melons gracefully round out the finish.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2018 Rosé is comprised of fruit from three different vineyards throughout the Russian River Valley, allowing for the artistry of our winemaking team to come center stage. All three lots were farmed especially for Rosé and were immediately pressed upon arrival at the winery. Instead of the saignée method commonly used in Rosé, we developed a press cycle in-house that creates juice with tremendous bouquet while limiting overly bitter flavors. Each of lot was inoculated with a different yeast and fermented separately. Comprising 45% of the blend, the Nonella Vineyard Pinot Noir was put through the stabulation method. A technique developed in Provence, this method is similar to a cold soak in red wines and results in a reduction of red-toned fruits while heightens tropical flavors and aromas. About 33% of this Rosé is Grenache from Windsor Oaks Vineyard. The steep, well-draining slopes from which these Granache grapes originate, incubate a rich depth and slight meaty flavor to round out the blend. The final portion of the blend is our very own Olivet Lane Vineyard Pinot Noir. This prize fruit, handled most gentle of all, was fermented with a yeast most typically used in Riesling and other aromatic white wines which allowed for more floral characteristics to shine through. We thoughtfully took three different approaches to these three components and the result is a quite compelling final product that showcases the best from each piece of the blend.

AVA: Russian River Valley

VARIETAL: 67% Pinot Noir / 33% Grenache

PRODUCTION: 285 Cases

HARVEST: September 13 & 28, 2018 BOTTLED: December 3, 2018

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

TA: 6.82 g/L

PH: 3.37

