



## ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

### VINTAGE 2023 • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

#### OBSERVATIONS ON A NEW VINTAGE

Harvest 2023 was full of records for everyone. And, while it had a late start, it produced exceptional results! Record high winter rains revitalized the soils and encouraged healthy canopies, while cooler temperatures in spring and summer allowed grapes to develop gradually, enjoying extra ripening time.

A bit of a heatwave in early October with no rain (or frost) in sight pushed the maturity of the grapes to perfect ripeness. We picked our Pinot Noir fruit for this vintage on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 March.

Like our prior vintages, our 2023 Rosé of Pinot Noir is a beautiful and delicate example of why Russian River Valley Pinot Noir makes a great rose'. The wine reveals a beautiful, light pink salmon color that opens up to aromas of tangerine, blood orange, wild strawberry, raspberry, a light touch of watermelon and hibiscus flower. A crisp, refreshing mouthfeel accentuates the fresh fruit flavors of red berry fruit and a sea salt minerality that leads to a long, juicy and tangy finish. It is the perfect warm weather wine to enjoy all season.

Alcohol 11.9% • TA:6.9g/L • pH: 3.13 • RS:3.0 g/L

- 100% Pinot Noir
- 100% Whole Cluster Direct to Press
- 100% Tank Fermented



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