

SONOMA-CUTRER®



# Russian River Valley

VINTAGE 2024 · SONOMA COUNTY · ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

This Rosé of Pinot Noir embodies the distinctive qualities of the Russian River Valley, featuring a crisp mouthfeel and refreshing red berry flavors that make it the ideal companion for savoring life's cherished moments.

## VINTAGE OBSERVATIONS

The 2024 growing season began with a cool winter, initially sparking concerns of a delayed harvest. However, the season unfolded beautifully, with moderate summer heat and cool nights creating ideal conditions for ripening while preserving Sonoma-Cutrer's signature acidity. A brief heat spike in late September gave the cooler-climate vineyards the perfect boost to reach peak flavor. Each vineyard milestone was met seamlessly, resulting in an outstanding growing season. The exceptional quality of the fruit promises remarkable wine from this vintage.

## VINEYARD SOURCING

Vine Hill Ranch, in the heart of the Russian River Valley, features over 300 feet of elevation change and diverse soils, clones, and rootstocks that impart unique characteristics to the grapes, resulting in elegant, balanced fruit. Owsley Estate comprises ten distinct blocks of Pinot Noir, renowned for dramatic temperature shifts from warm days to cool, foggy nights, which enhance the grapes' concentrated and complex flavors.

## WINEMAKING PROCESS

Like our previous rosé vintages, the grapes for this wine were specifically grown and harvested for optimal quality. Clusters were destemmed and pressed, allowing the juice to briefly contact the skins for the ideal pale pink color. The grapes were then gently pressed to extract the juice. Each batch of rosé was fermented separately in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures to preserve delicate aromas and flavors.

## TASTING NOTES

With a light salmon color, this Rosé of Pinot Noir opens with an aromatic bouquet of passionfruit, wild strawberry and blood orange, accented by hints of watermelon, hibiscus flower, and fresh lemongrass. On the palate, vibrant notes of bright strawberry and tart Bing cherry are balanced by the refreshing zest of strawberry lemonade. The wine's lively citrus acidity adds a crisp, invigorating quality, leading to a long, juicy finish that lingers.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% PINOT NOIR

**FERMENTATION:** 100% TANK, 100% WHOLE CLUSTER DIRECT TO PRESS

**ALCOHOL:** 11.9% · **TOTAL ACIDITY:** 8.0 G/L · **PH:** 3.20



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