

2016 Russian River Valley Rosé of Pinot Noir



Harvest Notes

After 4 years of drought in Sonoma County the 2016 growing season started with abundant and consistent rainfall, replenishing reservoirs and recharging soils with much needed water. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy with an early bud break. Light but consistent rainfall and moderate temperatures in the spring provided optimal conditions for rapid shoot growth and the growing season got off to a fast and furious pace. Temperatures during bloom were nearly perfect in the Russian River Valley resulting in yields that are likely at, or near, Sonoma County's historic average. The weather through the summer continued with warm days and cool nights, with very few heat spikes.

Winegrower Notes

Our eleventh release of the Rosé of Pinot Noir is entirely Martini Clone Pinot Noir sourced exclusively from our Martaella Vineyard. We whole-cluster press Pinot Noir grapes to produce an elegant and vibrant Rose. The juice is fermented in older French oak barrels, providing some additional texture and richness.

Tasting Notes

This wine is a delightful accompaniment to a light summer lunch, a leisurely picnic or a laid-back summer evening. This Rosé has vibrant cranberry and late-summer watermelon aromas, echoing flavors, all supported by bright acidity and a tart cherry like finish.

Vineyard Sources

Martaella Estate

Harvest Data

August 12th | Alcohol 14.1% | pH 3.21 | TA 0.71

Fermentation

Whole cluster pressed

Cooperage

Barrel fermented in 100% neutral French Oak barrels

Bottling

March 2017

Cases Produced

200 cases

Release Date

Spring 2017