



2016 Small Lot Collection Sonoma County Pinot Noir Rosé



TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Sonoma County

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 14.5% by vol.

pH: 3.31

TA: 5.8 g/L

Ageing: Aged in both small French oak barrels and small stainless steel tanks

Case Production: 158 cases

In the Vineyard

The 2016 growing season was a fairly early harvest, similar to the previous few vintages. While grape yields were only slightly greater throughout Sonoma County over 2015, the quality and depth of flavor of the fruit was exceptional. Overall the season was marked by warm days and cool foggy nights with a cooler than average August. The cooler weather resulted in longer hang time for the fruit which provided amazing ripeness and greater layers of flavors without exaggerated sugar levels.

Conversations with The Winemaker

The grapes for this Pinot Noir Rosé are grown throughout beautiful vineyards in Sonoma County, mostly in the Russian River Valley. The region's proximity to the bay with cool breezes and morning fog make it the perfect location for growing Pinot Noir with bright acidity and red berry flavors. Using the saignée technique, this wine was fermented mostly neutral French oak with some in stainless steel. This elegant wine was sure lie aged for 5 months, with the lees being stirred once a month.

Wine Profile

A beautiful rose gold in the glass, our 2016 Small Lot Collection Pinot Noir Rosé is bursting with aromas of fresh cut wild strawberries, citrus notes and a touch of jasmine. Crisp and clean flavors of gooseberry and Rainier cherries are well balanced with bright acidity. Well-structured and dry, this is a French style wine that will pair well with light dishes like quiche or flakey fish.