

DUCK POND



2017 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2017 Willamette Valley Rosé of Pinot Noir was made by the saignée method using fruit mostly from our vineyards in the South Salem Hills, with a small percentage from our estate vineyard in the Dundee Hills. The wine has a beautiful, brilliant salmon pink color, and an intriguing nose of guava, jasmine flower and strawberry. Crisp and lively acidity lift the pink lemonade, Asian pear and strawberry notes on the palate, culminating to a creamy, yet clean and refreshing finish. Enjoy with a warm summer day and good friends!

VINEYARD NOTES

Vineyard practices are the leading factor in high quality fruit, and the vineyard management follows a strict regime. Shoot thinning is performed early in the year; after fruit set, leaves are removed in the fruit zone on the east side of the vines. Later, the clusters are counted and thinned to a maximum of 28 clusters per vine. Once the grapes have achieved 75% color, a final cluster thinning is performed to remove any green or second crop clusters. The average yield is 2 tons per acre.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2017 season started three weeks later than 2016, but would be more in line with a "traditional" Oregon harvest. Crop yields were up by 15-20%, but with high quality fruit, with great flavor. A few rains in the Willamette Valley delayed the beginning of harvest, but due to delayed ripeness of the grapes, the rains did not affect the quality or concentration of flavor. Alcohol levels are lower than 2016, in the 12-13% range, rather than 13-14% of years past. Flavor will be less overt, but the overall wines will show depth of fruit and elegance, balanced by good acidity and round tannin.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Trevor Chlanda

Cases produced: 1,470

Appellation: Willamette Valley, Oregon

Vineyard sites: Delaney, Hylo, Willow Creek, Duck Pond Estate

Fermentation: 100% stainless steel; no malolactic fermentation

Final #s: Alcohol 12.5% - TA 0.60 g/100ml - pH 3.18

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