



2021 EnRoute Rosé of Pinot Noir Russian River Valley, “Facile a Boire”

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley **Varietal:** 100%

Pinot Noir

Harvest Dates: August 24 – September 29, 2021

Fermentation: 500-Liter puncheon ferments

Skin Contact: 100% free run

Aging: 4 months in French oak puncheons
(100% neutral)

Release Date: April 2021

Alcohol Level: 14%

First Vintage: 2019

Winemaker: Michael Accurso

Director of Winemaking: Andrew Delos

VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Hand-selected lots from across the Russian River Valley, as far north as our Amber Ridge Vineyard in the Upper Middle Reach and as far south as Green Valley's cooler Northern Spy and Marty's Vineyards come together in this 100% free run rosé of Pinot Noir.

HARVEST NOTES

The growing season got off to a cooler than normal start, with temperatures gradually rising as we got deeper into the summer. Absent were the long, lingering heat waves that have typified recent harvests. The result was fruit that matured fully and evenly from start to finish. Harvest began the last week of August, and we brought our last bins of Pinot Noir into the winery on September 29. Lack of rainfall led to smaller grape clusters overall, but the fruit itself was outstanding with great intensity and concentration of flavors. The winemaking team was unanimous in declaring this some of the best fruit they have seen in a decade, and the resulting wines should be outstanding.

SENSORY EVALUATION

At once light and refreshing, this Rose also reveals surprisingly layered notes of depth and complexity. The fragrant nose entices with notes of stone fruit and crème de fraise, while the palate delivers ripe alpine strawberry flavors accented by intriguing hints of wet slate minerality. Vibrant, racy acidity is there throughout, lingering on the finish and leaving the palate both refreshed and salivating for more.



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