

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2018 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The 2018 Pinot Noir is sourced from two properties: one in Carneros and one in the Russian River Valley farmed by Dutton Ranch.

**APPELLATION:** North Coast

**GROWING SEASON NOTES:** A relatively normal and mild winter led to budbreak to near the end of March for Carneros and Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. The growing conditions during the spring and summer were very even and ideal. The above average crop size pushed harvest a little later in 2018. The weather conditions in September were ideal with clear skies, plenty of sunshine, and warm even temperatures allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and completely. An ideal vintage for grape grower and winemaker alike.

**HARVEST DATE:** Carneros on September 19<sup>th</sup> and Dutton Ranch Goff-Whitton on September 21<sup>st</sup>

**VARIETAL:** 100% Pinot Noir, 66% Napa Carneros and 34% Russian River Valley

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 5.5 months in neutral French Oak. Juice was drawn off the Pinot Noir skins from three different lots about 24 hours after crushing to obtain the light pink color. The juice was barrel fermented. The wine was kept in the barrel after fermentation and aged sur lie with barrel stirring for five and a half months of elevage before bottling

**TASTING NOTES:** Aromas of strawberry and cherry with notes of stone fruit. The Rosé has a medium body with refreshing acidity and a light creamy texture. On the palate, flavors of strawberry, cherry with hints of melon and citrus lead to a lingering finish of red fruit and melon. Delicious on its own as an aperitif, will pair well with your grilled summer meals and salads.

**PRODUCTION:** 70 cases

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