

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2022 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR, NORTH COAST

VINEYARD: The 2022 Rosé of Pinot Noir comes from two sites one is in the Russian River Valley and the other is in Napa Carneros.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley and Napa Carneros

GROWING SEASON NOTES: Moderate winter temperatures led to Pinot Noir budbreak on the earlier side in mid-March. A slightly cooler spring and much needed rain in March and April helped the vines slowly develop a healthy and adequate canopy. A few brief heat spikes in late May and mid-June helped acclimate the vines to hotter weather in the fall. With moderate temperatures in July and a typical August of some hotter days, the modest crop pointed to an earlier harvest. We harvested the quickly ripening Carneros Pinot Noir just before an intense heat wave arrived the first week in September. The heat pushed the Russian River Valley Pinot Noir to an ideal harvest. Crop size was close to average in the Pinot Noir yielding wines of nice flavor intensity and concentration.

HARVEST DATE: Carneros August 30th and September 1, Russian River Valley September 9th

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir (63% Napa Carneros and 37% Russian River Valley)

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

WINEMAKING NOTES: 5 months in neutral French Oak. Juice was drawn off the Pinot Noir skins from three different lots about 3 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 three of the five months of aging before bottling in March.

TASTING NOTES: The Rosé offers aromas of bright red fruits, strawberry, cranberry, cherry pie, and floral apple blossom and citrus blossom. The palate exhibits flavors of strawberry, tart cherry, and citrus. The wine has a lighter body with refreshing acidity, and a light creamy texture leading to a lingering finish of red fruit and citrus. Dry and not sweet, it is perfect for those light summer dishes. We hope that you enjoy!

PRODUCTION: 72 cases

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