

**VARIETY:**

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS:

75% Isabelle's Vineyard

15% Mesa del Rio

10% San Lucas

APPELLATION:

Monterey

ALCOHOL: 13.0%**PH:** 3.39**TA:** 5.9 g/L**AGING:**

100% Stainless Steel, 4 months

BOTTLING DATE: Jan 2, 2021**CASES PRODUCED:** 407**S C H E I D**
V I N E Y A R D S

2020 ESTATE PINOT NOIR ROSÉ

TASTING NOTES

Rosé is often described as a “summer wine” but nothing could be further from the truth. Our Estate Rosé is made for every month of the year and for any night of the month. Crafted from 100% Pinot Noir grapes, its power is in its subtlety. A copper-salmon hue fills your glass and immediately suggests you’re in for something mouthwatering. Bright fruit aromas are met with delicate flavors of strawberry, wild cherry, cranberry and soft lemon-lime. A soft yet vibrant texture and a crisp but lingering finish make this a perfect match for a variety of foods.

VINEYARDS

The Pinot Noir grapes for our Pinot Noir Rosé were sourced from our estate vineyards situated in the cool climate region of California’s renowned Monterey County. Monterey has all the components of a prime Pinot Noir locale: cooling winds that sweep through the vineyards each day, allowing extra “hang time,” and a longer-than-average growing season. These factors translate to more intense flavor development, enhanced depth and richness of fruit and excellent varietal character.

VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season unfolded with a gentle winter followed by spring rains and moderate temperatures. Lovely 85°F days and cool 55°F evenings allowed for even ripening of the grapes. Warmer late season temperatures had our grapes ready to pick slightly earlier than normal, with our first grapes being harvested in mid-August. This proved to be a blessing because in late August, electrical storms sparked numerous fires that burned throughout Monterey County. Fortunately, fruit from our vineyards closest to the fires had already been picked and the strong winds off Monterey Bay helped to disperse the smoke and keep it from settling over our vineyards. In a year marked by challenge and change, we believe our 2020 vintage wines are a bright spot.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for our Rosé were destemmed, lightly crushed, and allowed to macerate on their red skins for 12 hours before being gently pressed. Maceration is the process of soaking the color and phenols out of the grape solids and allows for a greater extraction of color and flavor. The insides of all grapes (both red and white) are white and produce clear juice – the color in red wine comes from contact with the dark skins. The longer the grape skins are left hanging out in the wine, the darker the color of the finished Rosé. Fermentation was conducted with select yeast at cool temperatures in stainless steel to retain the bright fruit esters and floral aromas. After fermentation, our Pinot Noir Rosé was aged in stainless steel.

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