

## ROSÉ FOR PINOT LOVERS

This dry Pinot Noir Rosé captures the essence of summer. Estate grown Pinot noir was whole-cluster pressed and fermented in neutral French oak barrels.

When a rosé wine is made from early maturity fruit, as this one was, the result is a bright, refreshing wine, with the all of the aromatic complexity of Pinot noir, but with the lighter body of an elegant, aromatic white wine.

## THE 2018 VINTAGE

2018 was the fifth in a string of easy warm vintages at Bethel Heights. Rainfall was within an inch or two of normal for the farm year (November through October), but much of the moisture came in the late fall and early winter so the vintage was defined by a very dry summer. This made for small clusters and therefore a relatively small crop. July was hot, leading to the first signs of *veraison* in early August, but our reliable Aeolian winds kept night time temperatures cool throughout July and August, preserving acidity in the fruit as it ripened. September finally brought a couple of welcome rain events that refreshed the vines and kept them active through the final ripening period. Harvest began in the last week of September and was over by the 10th of October. The fruit came in with the natural concentration of flavor and acidity that one would expect from a hot dry season, but sugar levels were happily moderate.



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ESTATE GROWN

*Certified Sustainably Grown and Produced*

Harvest date: September 25, 2018

Grapes at harvest: Brix 20.3, pH 3.01, TA 9.5 gr/liter

Finished wine: Alcohol 12.0 %, pH 3.25, TA 7.2 gr/liter

No residual sugar

Bottled March 15, 2019

219 Cases produced

**VINIFICATION:** The fruit was whole cluster pressed at low pressure for 4 hours under inert gas, then transferred to a settling tank for 72 hours to clarify. The juice was then racked into a jacketed, stainless steel tank and fermented at low temperatures for 40 days. The new wine was then racked to neutral barrels where it aged on lees for three months prior to bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:** Delicate aromas of tuber rose, tangerine, and preserved lemon. The palate enters with flavors of new strawberry and creamy texture over a bracing vein of acidity that runs the entire length of the wine. The 2018 vintage is one seemingly defined by energy and tension, and our 2018 Rose is no exception.