

King Estate
Family Owned & Farmed

2020

WILLAMETTE VALLEY ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Rosé is a style, not a grape. And while Rosé is often associated with summer, it is growing in popularity as devotees discover it is delicious to sip all year long. Typically Rosé is made from red wine grapes, either a single varietal or a blend. In the United States, Rosé made from Pinot Noir grapes is most popular. In Oregon, famed for growing outstanding Pinot Noir, it's only natural that our take on Rosé starts with the fruit that put Oregon on the map.

TASTING NOTES

A lovely peach-tinged rose color in the glass, this wine displays fragrances of rose petal and strawberries on the nose, along with notes of lime, passion fruit and chalk. Flavors of summer berries – strawberry and raspberry – mingle with hints of rose water, passion fruit and lime zest along with wet limestone. On the entry, the wine is well balanced with fresh acidity and optimal roundness on the mid-palate. The acidity mellows a bit near the end for a lush finish.

WINEMAKING PROCESS

The fruit was whole cluster pressed and left to sit on its skins just long enough to release the juice and develop the pink color before moving to a temperature-controlled stainless steel tank for fermentation. The wine was aged in stainless steel.

VINTAGE NOTES

Marked by extreme and rare weather events, 2020 will nevertheless yield excellent wines. Up until Labor Day, conditions for wine grapes were mostly warm and dry although wide swings between early heat and cool weather in the spring led to high amounts of shatter with smaller berries and clusters. When extreme heat and winds converged, fires erupted and smoke blanketed the valley, affecting some vineyards and sparing others. Careful testing of our own lots and fruit from our vineyard partners allowed us to select high-quality fruit from low-impact sites. While yields are lighter, the wines from this vintage are as exceptional as the weather that produced them.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
AVA: Willamette Valley
Alcohol: 13.5%

