



2012 Estate Pinot Noir - Rosé

Sta. Rita Hills

Our pinot noir - Rosé is a very exciting marker of spring here at the winery. Just as last year, we selected clone 113 pinot noir from a block just behind the winery to create this wine. The fruit was loaded directly into the press which simply tumbled and drained for several hours allowing for only "free run" juice to pass through the drain screen. From that point, the juice fermented in our cold room in a combination of stainless steel and neutral oak with no lees disturbance and inhibited malo-lactic. The goal of such an approach is a wine of very delicate color with the most bright yet nuanced characteristics of this high toned aromatic clone of pinot noir.

Josh Raynolds IWC: 91 points

tasting notes: *With a soft copper hue, our newest rosé bottling boasts crisp and fragrant fruit notes of watermelon rind, orange zest, lychee and grilled lime. Delicate in texture, flavors of salted honeydew melon, apricot pit and green apple candy mingle with floral touches of lavender and rose petal. The wine is tender and delicate in the mouth, with a clean and satiating finish.*

AVA: Sta. Rita Hills

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Cases Produced: 225

Clone: 113

Elevage: stainless steel and neutral oak

Alcohol: 14.0%

Release Date: 04.19.2013