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## 2019 Rosé of Pinot Noir

**Production:** 206 cases

**Composition:** 92% Pinot Noir, 4% Viognier and 4% Sauvignon Blanc

**Vineyards:** 92% Floisand, 3% Windy Flats and 3% Watson and 2% Stewart

**Appellation:** Carneros

**Elevation:** Rolling hills

**Cooperage:** Fermented in stainless steel, and 3 months in 1-3 year old French oak barrels

**Alcohol:** 12.3%, TA 6.1, pH 3.37

**Bottling date:** January 17, 2020

**Release date:** Spring 2020

**Release price:** \$29.00

The charm of a lovely dry rosé provides wine drinkers with a wonderful excuse to sit outside and enjoy the tradition of rosé on the terrace or balcony. Floisand Vineyard is located in the rolling hills of north Napa, contiguous to the Beau Terroir Vineyard that has performed so well under Doug Hill's management. After plenty of winter rains, the weather in 2019 was fairly mild, with some fog, but began to warm up as we headed for August. We picked the Pinot Noir early in the morning of September 1 at 20 Brix and September 3 at 20.2 Brix. The first grapes were held in a cold box for a few days before pressing, and the remaining fruit was whole cluster pressed right away. The juice was fermented with Actiflore Rosé yeast and cold fermented in a stainless steel tank. We put the wine into neutral French oak barrels for some resting time, and then it was racked and bottled under screwcap.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The 2019 Rosé of Pinot Noir offers aromas of fragrant strawberry and raspberries. The wine offers a dry crisp entry, then broadens on the palate with flavors of light peach and raspberry flavors leading to a clean finish.