



HILL FAMILY
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2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir

Production: 319 cases

Composition: 98% Pinot Noir and 2% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyards: 56% Floisand, 42% Knittle and 2% Windy Flats

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: Rolling hills – 500 ft.

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

Alcohol: 11.9%, TA 6.9, pH 3.43

Bottling date: January 21, 2021

Release date: Spring 2021

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. Normal spring and summer patterns came to a halt on August 16 with the violent thunderstorms and winds that started the LCNU fires. At this point all the smoke was blowing west, so we brought in the Pinot Noir on August 21, a bit earlier than planned, at just shy of 20 Brix. Half of the grapes were held in a cold chai for a few days before pressing, and the rest were whole cluster pressed right away. The carefully settled juice was fermented with Actiflore Rosé yeast and cold fermented in a stainless steel tank. At dryness, we put half into neutral French oak barrels and half into stainless steel barrels for some resting time, then it was racked and bottled under screwcap. The wine was crafted in a dry style with crisp clarity and purity, and has a faint blush of pink color.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir offers aromas of fragrant strawberry and kiwi. The palate is bright and bouncy with flavors of green kiwi and wild yellow plum flavors leading to a clean finish.