



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2015 Rose' of Pinot Noir

Production: 254 cases

Composition: 98% Pinot Noir & 2% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyards: 50% Knittle Vineyard & 50% Oak Rock Vineyard

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: Knittle has gentle rolling hills, and Oak Rock is on a steep hillside

Cooperage: Fermented in stainless steel tank, aged in neutral oak barrels 3 months

Alcohol: 13.45%, TA 0.65, pH 3.45

Bottling date: January 20th 2016

Release date: Spring 2016

Release price: \$26.00

Knittle is a Pinot Noir vineyard in the northwest area of Carneros near our Red Door Vineyard that has performed so well over the years. In 2015, with the year so early and crops so small, Aug. 21st was our harvest date with 22 Brix and nice acidity. Knittle has gently sloping gravelly soils and is in the second year of its rebuilding stage. This is our first year for farming Oak Rock Vineyard. In spite of its potential to make great Pinot Noir, its present inconsistencies put it in a building stage also, so for Hill Family Estate it presented a wonderful opportunity to make a Rose with crisp clarity and purity. Made in a dry style with a very faint blush of pink color, it could be served with shrimp tacos, ham, or a picnic with salamis, cheese and a fruit salad.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

Bottled under screw cap, aromas of watermelon, Asian pear, and light carnation come out fairly strongly. The dry and refreshing palate has watermelon and wild cherry flavors, with a bit of strawberry guava. The palate expands in the mouth with a balanced easy texture and nice body.