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2018 Rosé of Pinot Noir

Production: 195 cases

Composition: 98% Pinot Noir and 2% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyard: 100% Floisand

Appellation: Carneros, Napa Valley

Elevation: Rolling hills

Cooperage: Fermented in barrels, followed by three months in one-year-old French oak barrels

Alcohol: 12.6%, TA 0.63, pH 3.33

Bottling date: January 25, 2019

Release date: Spring 2019

Release price: \$28.00

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. Weather in 2018 was reasonable and predictable for a change. We picked the Pinot Noir early in the morning of September 4 and September 5. One third of the grapes were held in a cold box for a few days before pressing. One third were whole cluster pressed right away. One third were crushed and given several hours of skin Maceration. The juice was fermented with Actiflore Rosé yeast and cold fermented in barrels. Then it was racked and bottled under screwcap. Made in a dry style with crisp clarity and purity, it has a very faint blush of pink color.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2018 Rosé of Pinot Noir offers aromas of fragrant strawberry and raspberry with hints of coconut and honey. The wine offers a dry crisp entry, then broadens on the palate with flavors of light peach and raspberry leading to a clean finish.