



2020 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Appellation	Sta. Rita Hills
T.A.	7.35 g/l
pH	3.33
Alcohol	13.4%
Production	51 cases

VARIETAL:
100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARDS
42% Peake, 34% Rio Vista, 12% Sanford & Benedict, 12% Rancho La Viña
Sta. Rita Hills

VINTAGE
The 2020 vintage produced outstanding fruit, despite a few challenges from warm temperatures and wild fire smoke during the fast-paced harvest season. Harvest began slightly earlier than normal with our first Pinot Noir pick on August 24. A Labor Day weekend heat spell nudged several of our Pinot Noir vineyards to ideal ripeness and by September 8, about 60% of our grapes had been harvested. Cooler temperatures resumed and we completed the Pinot Noir harvest on September 18. Overall, grapes were beautifully expressive with pure fruit aromatics and flavors, excellent color, and superb palate structure.

WINEMAKING
This Rosé was made using a *saignée*, or juice draw, taken immediately upon crushing the grape clusters into the fermenter. The brief contact with the red grape skins renders its beautiful color. The juice was fermented in stainless steel barrels, then aged on its lees for six months, adding depth and complexity to the wine without overshadowing the fresh fruit components. The wine was bottled on March 31, 2021.

TASTING NOTES
Crisp and refreshing, this wine features aromas of peaches and cream, wild strawberry and Gala apple with accents of honeydew melon and seashell. The aromatics are echoed in the flavors with notes of apricot, orange zest and a touch of creaminess. The luscious fruit flavors are enhanced by the wine's lively acidity and a crisp, delicious finish.