

Proprietor Selected  
SPECIAL CUVÉE

*Elizabeth Spencer*

ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR  
SONOMA COAST

Vintage 2009

4 Barrels

Produced & Bottled by Elizabeth Spencer Wines

APPELLATION: SONOMA COAST  
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% PINOT NOIR  
PRODUCTION: 4 BARRELS  
DIRECTOR OF WINEMAKING: SPENCER GRAHAM

#### VINEYARDS

Our Pinot Noir grapes used to produce our Rosé of Pinot Noir are from a vineyard located just north of the San Pablo Bay on Lakeville Highway. The south facing hillside vineyard is near the town of Petaluma in southern Sonoma County. Characteristically, this area benefits from the cooling influences of the nearby bays that converge with those from the Pacific Ocean to create a particularly cool microclimate. This provides for the ideal conditions for growing premium Pinot Noir grapes. It also creates a platform for gradual and complete development of fruit flavors and aromas.

#### VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season started out warmer than normal following another drought like winter. Fortunately, heavy rains in May gave the vines a real boost, recharging the subsoil moisture. A cool summer and a warm fall provided for an ideally long growing season. This helped produce excellent fruit with good purity of flavors and color.

#### WINEMAKING

We carefully harvested select lots of Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast vineyard in the vinification of this crisp Rosé. The fruit was painstakingly cold fermented in stainless steel in order to ensure that the delicate Pinot Noir aromatics were preserved. After judicious but brief lees contact, we bottled the wine after four months in tank, capturing the bright and fresh nature of the wine.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Delicately salmon hued, shot through with traces of soft pink. Pleasant aromatic notes of strawberry, peach and watermelon. Flavors of strawberry, honeydew melon, cranberry, lavender and tangy citrus overlay sparkling acidity. The wine is light, crisp and vibrant culminating in a refreshing, clean finish.

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