

Proprietor Selected
SPECIAL CUVÉE

Elizabeth Spencer

ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR
SONOMA COAST

Vintage 2010

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

A wet winter, followed by a wet cool spring put an end to a three year drought. The summer was extraordinarily cool and foggy. This long, cool growing season of 2010 allowed great acid retention in the fruit and extended time for flavor development. The warm weather in the fall was timed perfectly to bring the fruit to the needed ripeness level.

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

Bright, blush pink color. The Rosé of Pinot Noir features enticing characteristics of pink grapefruit and passion fruit on both the nose and in the mouth. The acid plays well with the sweet, quince flavors. The finish is dry and refreshing. This wine showcases the bright natural acidity characteristic of the region. Perfect alone, with plenty of weight to enjoy with food.

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