



MONTINORE ESTATE

2019

PINOT ROSÉ

Willamette Valley, Oregon



APPELLATION
WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARD
MONTINORE ESTATE

SOIL
**LAURELWOOD
CORNELIUS**

AVERAGE VINE AGE
10 YEARS

VARIETY
100% PINOT NOIR

HARVEST DATE
SEPT 23 & SEPT 28

COOPERAGE
**STAINLESS STEEL
ACACIA PUNCHEON**

TA
6.9

pH
3.16

RESIDUAL SUGAR
0.13%

ALCOHOL
12.6%

WINEMAKER
STEPHEN WEBBER

BOTTLING DATE
DECEMBER 2019

RELEASE DATE
MARCH 2020

THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage began with a mild, cooler spring and a warm summer with few extremes, and not much disease or pest pressure. Everything was going to plan until Mother Nature flipped the script in September from ideal ripening to cold and rains. Hard picking decisions had to be condensed between weather breaks, resulting in lower sugar levels and higher natural acidity. This brought out nuances and subtle complexities while maintaining freshness. A challenging, but classic Oregon vintage.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit for the 2019 Pinot Rosé is drawn from two sites on the estate vineyard, mostly from the favored Block 30 on the Southern side of the property. This young block when picked early, provides lovely bright acidity and fresh berry aromas. It was hand-picked, and gently whole-bunch pressed, with regular taste-offs at press to stop when phenolics began to show. It was fermented in stainless steel and two Acacia puncheons, one second fill and the other third fill. Three different yeasts were used, one for each vessel, all designed to maximize aromatics and build nice structure. Fermentations lasted an average of 5 weeks. The wine was lightly fined, cold stabilized and bottled by mid-December.

THE WINE

Delicately hued, this dry rosé of Pinot Noir is pretty in the glass, appealing on the nose and delicious in the mouth. Rhubarb, apple blossom and fruit candy aromas are seasoned with a touch of mint. The palate is packed with a mélange of fruit flavors, including lingonberry, strawberry, blood orange and pear and finishes with a quenching note of acidity. This is an elegant expression of Pinot Noir and a summery sipper for all occasions.



Made with Demeter-Certified Biodynamic Grapes
Certified Organic by CCOF