



# ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

2022

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

### CLONE

Clone 777

### HARVEST DATE

August 29th

### AVERAGE BRIX

21.7

### ALCOHOL

13.3%

### PH / TA AT HARVEST

3.52 / 5.23 g/L

### FINAL PH / TA

3.37 / 6.24 g/L

### CASES PRODUCED

244

### AGING

100 % stainless steel for 5 months

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### TASTING NOTES

Rich aromas of grapefruit, banana, melon, and peach with a hint of lemon zest. Crisp and lively flavors of strawberries and citrus. A well-balanced light wine that pairs well with grilled seafoods and ceviche.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Located just 5 miles from our winery, Greengate Ranch and Vineyard is immaculate and sets the bar for what we look for in a vineyard. Our 777 clone of Pinot Noir is grown on a 4-acre block at the top of a subtle Edna Valley slope with good drainage. North to South facing rows in fertile Diablo and Cibo clay soils produce grapes rich with flavor.

### GROWING SEASON

The vintage was marked by a variety of weather events. Early bud break in March followed a dry winter. Late spring brought abnormally windy, cool weather, challenging conditions for fruit set. The first of three heat waves came in mid-August; temperatures soared to as high as 102 degrees F. Ongoing drought exacerbated by the heat waves resulted in yields down by as much as 30%. Additionally, the cool spring meant smaller clusters. Fortunately, the small clusters created deep color and extraction, promising high quality.

### WINEMAKING

An early morning pick meant cold Pinot Noir grapes arrived at the winery by 6:00am. The grapes received a direct, whole cluster press, with pressure no higher than 20psi. Next, a bayanus yeast strain, able to ferment at lower temperatures, was added. A 42-day fermentation was held at 52 degrees F to retain fruit aroma. After a careful racking to remove lees, the wine was cold stabilized to remove tartrates, then transferred to stainless steel to settle and age for 5 months. A final filtration prior to bottling added to clarification and honed the nose.