



RIVERBENCH



2014 BRUT ROSÉ

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Méthode Champenoise
HARVEST	August 8, 2014
DOSAGE	None
DISGORGEMENT	November 4, 2015
ACIDITY	0.63 g/100ml
PH	3.44
ALCOHOL	12.1%
BOTTLED	June 1, 2015
PRODUCTION	495 cases
PRICE	\$42

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WINEMAKERS NOTES

In color psychology, pink is a sign of hope and compassion. It inspires warm, calming and comforting feelings, making the viewer feel that all is well in the world. Therefore, consider our Brut Rose therapy in a bottle. Lightly perfumed with aromas of lilac and a hint of rosewater, this palest blush pink wine boasts noticeably fine bubbles. In the mouth, flavors of meringue, marzipan and raspberries are made all the more intriguing by a sensual hint of *savage*. A few glasses might leave a little pink in your cheeks; whether it's from lust or indulgence is for you to decide.

2014 HARVEST

Vintage 2014 started off on schedule historically at bud break. The atypical two weeks of 80 degree weather in March and April accelerated things in the vineyard, putting us several weeks ahead of schedule. The warm weather pattern continued each month through bloom and veraison. When all was said and done, we were 18 days ahead of historical harvest dates, the earliest in Santa Barbara County history. Quantity was down for Chardonnay, and average for Pinot Noir. Our Pinot Noir exhibited beautiful small berries which is always a winemakers delight. Harvest was fairly compact in duration and was completed without a hitch. Flavor profiles are beautiful and concentration and color in the finished wines are excellent. 2014 is looking to be as good a vintage as 2012 in Santa Maria Valley, perhaps even better. Time will tell.

