



RIVERBENCH

## 2015 ROSÉ

*Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley*



COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Clones: 667, Martini
HARVEST	August 20, 2015
COOPERAGE	100% Neutral Oak
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100ml
PH	3.43
ALCOHOL	12.3%
BOTTLED	January 28, 2016
PRODUCTION	234 cases
PRICE	\$25

### WINEMAKERS NOTES

We love rosé. It's pink, it's fun and it's flirtatious. And it's usually the answer when you're asking "What the heck do I pair with this?" Whole clusters of dark and deliciously ripened Pinot Noir were pressed gently, which means the wine is very light in color, but very high in quality. Diverse and complex flavors of rose petal, strawberry, and orange blossom make it a little more serious, but if we're being perfectly honest, we taste a hint of jolly rancher and white gummy bear on the finish (no pretension here). Either way, we'd all loudly agree it's the best rosé we've ever made if we could only stop drinking it long enough.

### 2015 HARVEST

We began harvest on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and completed harvest September 30, 2015. The vines emerged from dormancy early this year which translated into an early harvest. The growing temperatures varied greatly throughout the year with some very warm months and rather cool ones as well. In general, the 2015 vintage was a lighter crop in comparison to many years but it made up for it in quality. The clusters were made up of small firm berries. The harvest crews worked diligently through the cool nights bringing in this year's crop. This will be a long post-harvest season, in which, we have our fingers crossed we will receive an abundance of much needed rainfall. This will help adequately supply the vines with proper hydration for emergence in the spring. At that time, we will be ready to start another exciting vintage.

