



RIVERBENCH



2017 BRUT ROSÉ

Estate Grown & Bottled – Santa Maria Valley

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir, Méthode Champenoise
HARVEST	August 16, 26; 2017
DOSAGE	No
DISGORGEMENT	March 26-29, 2019
ACIDITY	0.7 g/100ml
PH	3.4
ALCOHOL	11.1%
BOTTLED	September 8, 2018
PRODUCTION	822 cases
PRICE	\$48

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 Rosé therapy in a bottle. Lightly perfumed with aromas of orange blossom and a hint of rosewater, this blush pink wine boasts noticeably fine bubbles. In the mouth, flavors of meringue, marzipan and raspberries are made all the more intriguing by a soft sensuality. A few glasses might leave a little pink in your cheeks; whether it's from lust or indulgence is for you to decide.

2017 HARVEST

The 2017 growing season proved to be a continuation of another drought year. The winter brought some needed rainfall, early bud break and spring frost coupled with the dry and warm summer ensured another early harvest. The marine layer had minimal influence, which is unusual for the Santa Maria Valley. What we didn't see early in the season was the light yields across most parts of the ranch and varieties. Pinot Noir had small berries and clusters, with no wings or shoulders to bolster cluster weights. Berry Set following Bloom was very good and we were happy with great quality going to the winery. Sparkling started the first week of August with our Pinot Meunier and we were into full swing the last week of the month through most of September. A heavy thunderstorm on September 3 was followed by more thunder, rain and hail on September 10. Exciting light show and rain amounts per hour left little sleep for vineyard and winery workers to follow.

