



RIVERBENCH



2023 ROSÉ

Estate Grown & Bottled, Santa Maria Valley

COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
HARVEST	September 12, 2023
COOPERAGE	100% Neutral French Oak
ACIDITY	T.A. 0.55 g/100mL
PH	3.36
ABV	12%
BOTTLED	July 14, 2023
PRODUCTION	116 cases
PRICE	\$30

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

We love Rosé. It's pink, it's fun and it's flirtatious. A versatile and refreshing wine, perfect to sip on all year long. Our 2023 vintage offers a bouquet of fresh red berries, including strawberries, raspberries, and cherries. Its flavors of strawberry-rhubarb, lemon, watermelon, and guava wash over the palate in refreshing waves thanks to a backbone of crisp, mineral-driven acidity. You might even catch a hint of pink jolly rancher or white gummy bear lingering on the finish. Cheers!

2022 HARVEST

Vintage 2023 started off with above-average rainfall. Our vineyard received nearly 2.5 ft of rainfall from December to March, almost double the historical average. A large storm that passed through the area in early January, dropped 7+ inches of rainfall in a 24-hour period. Bud break was observed on February 27th, two weeks later than 2022 and one week later than 2021. The theme of "late" remained constant throughout the growing season. Bloom, set, and veraison were all 10-14 days later than the historical average. This was due in part to cooler spring and summer temperatures. The crop load was heavier than estimated in Pinot Noir and Chardonnay which also led to a longer ripening period. Our harvest period lasted from September 1st- October 18th. September weather provided steady ripening and great weather for our harvest crews. Seed and skin development outpaced Brix levels in most varieties which allowed us to harvest at slightly lower Brix than we do some years while maintaining quality.

