

2007 Pinot Noir Rosé



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 15 years (avg. age)
Yield: 3 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 22 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.56
Bottled: February 2008
Cases Produced: 1,570



In keeping with Elk Cove Vineyards reputation for producing clean, crisp, aromatic white wines, we're pleased to include a Willamette Valley rosé in our family of wines. Produced entirely from Pinot Noir, Oregon's flagship varietal, this is our interpretation of a "pink" wine! Our Pinot Noir fruit is hand-harvested very ripe from both young and old vines and gently whole bunch pressed with limited skin contact to give the wine an elegant rosé hue. It is then fermented cool in stainless steel tanks and finished dry.

Vintage 2007 is one that will certainly be discussed. Some say it's a grower's year, where meticulous thinning, canopy management and spray routines helped the fruit left

hanging on the vine. Others maintain this is a winemaker's year, where the most experienced and agile artists will be able to take the fruit given by Mother Nature and craft some outstanding wines. All agree that it brought some challenges, yet with the rain in the range of 2005 and much less than the last really rainy harvest of 1997, most in the valley know how to adapt; taking advantage of this year's attributes such as lower sugars (lower alcohols) and higher acids. These wines will be elegant, refreshing, racy. This vintage will have stellar wines, just perhaps with more variability.

The 2007 Elk Cove Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosé is what springtime is all about; clean and aromatic with fragrant white flowers and showing freshness with sweet, red strawberry fruit! Enjoy this crisp, light, simply refreshing wine all by itself on a bright sunny day or pair it with succulent shellfish or roast chicken. Bon appétit!