

2012 Pinot Noir Rosé



Viticultural Data:

Vine Age: 25-38
Yield: 2.11 tons/acre
Harvest Sugars: 23 Brix

Enological Data:

pH: 3.10
Bottled: February 2013
Cases Produced: 2,500



Elk Cove Vineyards' reputation for producing clean, crisp, aromatic white wines continues with a Willamette Valley rosé included 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, which makes it virtually a "white Pinot Noir". It is fermented cool in stainless steel tanks and then hand selected lots of fermented red Pinot Noir juice is blended back for color and texture. This wine is finished completely dry.

Gone are the worries of the two most recent harvests where fretting over attaining ripeness from back to back unprecedented crushes that extended into November. Instead, 2012 brings one of the driest harvest seasons on record as much of the state only had traces of precipitation since early July. Some have even claimed it to be drought-like. But late season cooling and a timely shot of rain brought everything into balance. The vintage has already brought descriptions of "stunning, amazing and epic" having winemakers giddy with the potential of the best vintage in the history of the 50 year-old region. It's a year where quality trumps quantity. The 2012 crop is smaller than the record Oregon wine grape harvest of 2011. But the quality is considered by most to be in the top echelon of harvests ever.

The 2012 Elk Cove Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosé is fragrant with white flowers and showing freshness with aromas of watermelon and 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!