

2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir

Estate Vineyard

Los Carneros, Napa Valley



Varietal Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation	Artesa Estate Vineyard, Los Carneros, Napa Valley
Harvest	August 2021
Technical Data	ALC: 13.8% by vol; TA: 7.0 G/L; pH: 3.25
Cooperage	100% Stainless steel fermented and aged
Production	500 Cases

The 2021 Vintage

After what seemed to be a promising start to rainfall, Napa Valley experienced a rather harsh reality of continued drought conditions, along with warmer than normal winter day temperatures. These conditions were enhanced by a considerable number of frosty mornings, going into spring, with one last frost event in late May. The combination of these weather events contributed to lighter yielding vineyards, aided by one of the windiest May months in recent memory. The heat spells continued well into June, and throughout most of the summer, also contributing to smaller berries and a slightly earlier veraison. By harvest, the temperatures had leveled out, allowing for an extended even ripening and concentrated flavors. The quality of the wines produced in the 2021 vintage is extraordinary.

About The Vineyard

The 2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir displays the incredible fruit intensity, and elegance, of our Estate Vineyard, to produce a unique rosé. When choosing a block for this wine, Winemaker Ana Diogo-Draper selected specific rows from one of the coolest corners of the property. Shaded from the afternoon sun by a steep hillside to the West, this block is perfectly suited for our 100% Estate Vineyard Rosé of Pinot Noir.

Winemaking

The grapes for this wine were hand harvested at night and brought to the winery in the early morning hours to ensure they are kept cool to preserve the quality of the fruit. They were then immediately loaded into our press for a gentle pressing cycle with minimal rotations, similar to the cycle we use for our sparkling wines. These limited rotations and gentle pressing action, extracts very little color from red grapes, and minimizes the harsh tannins found in the seeds and skins, as well as limiting the amount of astringency in the finished wine. After pressing, the juice was sent directly to stainless steel tanks, where it was fermented at a very cool temperature, allowing for maximum varietal expression in the finished wine. Winemaker Ana Diogo-Draper selected strains of yeast specifically to highlight Pinot Noir's intense aromatics and velvety mouthfeel. Fermenting in different lots allows Ana to select the best only the best lots to make into this 100% whole cluster pressed rosé, exclusively from our Estate Vineyard.

Tasting Notes

The 2021 vintage of our Estate Vineyard Rosé of Pinot Noir highlights Artesa's commitment to always produce high quality wines with meticulous attention to detail. This rosé is fermented to dryness, meaning there is no residual sugar in the wine, allowing it to showcase what Pinot Noir is famous for — vibrant fruit aromatics and bright acidity. The nose opens with delicate aromas of fresh raspberry, citrus blossom, and Bing cherries. Bright acidity highlights hints of juicy strawberry and pomegranate on the palate, with a lingering finish that draws you back for another sip.