



BRAVIUM

Anderson Valley

ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

2018



VINEYARD INFORMATION:

Straddling a naturally sculpted ridgetop above the fog line, just ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, Wiley Vineyard is situated in the famed “Deep End”—the relatively cool, westernmost portion of Anderson Valley. Resting at an elevation of 525 feet, this historic vineyard has a gentle slope, a Southeastern aspect and shallow Franciscan soil. Our Pinot Noir is blended from 20 acres of vines planted in 1982 to clones 37, 115, 538, 667, 777 and Pommard. This complexity in the vineyard contributes to the finished wine’s intriguing spice notes and savory character. Encircled by ridges sprinkled with conifers, this former homestead exemplifies the sublime beauty of Anderson Valley.

2018 GROWING SEASON:

Favorable conditions at the start of the growing season—specifically bud break and flowering—in Anderson Valley were followed by uneventful weather throughout the year. Steady, even ripening allowed harvest to occur at precisely the right time, without any late-season heat spikes that had occurred in recent years. Grape yields were above average and quality was exceptional in this temperate vintage.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

Pinot Noir grapes were gently pressed and wild fermented in a combination of neutral French and Hungarian oak barrels. A small amount of juice was also bled off the fermenters. The blend was assembled in December. The wine completed only a partial malolactic conversion and is brilliant light peach in color, with rose petal, honeysuckle, chamomile, almond, and cherry aromas. The wine offers a soft entry and creamy mouthfeel enveloping the crisp Cara cara orange, Fuji apple, and stone fruit flavors, with acidity that builds on the finish. Hints of dried herbs add a complexing note.

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley

HARVEST DATES:

September 12, 2018

RELEASE DATE:

February 1, 2019

ALCOHOL:

13.2%

PH:

3.3

TA:

6.5 g/L

BARRELS:

Fermented and aged for 3 months in neutral French and Hungarian oak

COOPERAGES:

Damy, Francois Freres, Kadar, Rousseau, and Taransaud

CASES PRODUCED:

490 6x750ml

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Linguistic origin: Latin / Meaning: prize, reward, gift