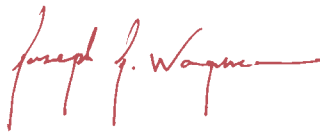


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2018 OEIL DE PERDRIX PINOT NOIR BLANC SONOMA COUNTY

“RATHER THAN BEING A BY-PRODUCT OF RED WINE, THE GRAPES FOR THIS ROSÉ WERE GROWN SPECIFICALLY WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING A ROSÉ WINE. THE WINE’S DELICATE CHARM AND INTRIGUING COMPLEXITY HARMONIZE BEAUTIFULLY WITH BRIGHT, BERRY FLAVORS AND A CRISP, REFRESHING STRUCTURE.”



JOSEPH WAGNER, OWNER & WINEMAKER

In France, this wine is traditionally known as *oeil-de-perdrix*, which translates to ‘eye of the partridge’ and refers to its pink and copper color. My family has been making Pinot Noir in this style for over 40 years. Producing this wine requires a gentle hand and a readiness to press the juice quickly once it reaches the desired level of color. We ferment part of the juice in French oak barrels, a technique which adds enough rich texture and light spice to beautifully complement the generous fruit. To preserve its crisp, clean aromas and flavors, we finished it with a twist-top. Perfect on its own as an aperitif, it also complements picnics on the patio and light dishes. Please enjoy this wine well chilled.

2018 VINTAGE

2018 was characterized by a warmer than normal winter with above average rainfall in the late winter period. While bud break was delayed due to the late winter rain, grapevine growth was uniform and healthy from April into late June. A persistent marine layer from July through August kept temperatures moderated during the daytime and very cool in the evenings. Due to the cool weather during late summer, the crop ripened slowly and evenly and the fruit was harvested in mid-September.

TASTING NOTES

Blush pink with a copper hue, this wine has the classic ‘eye of the partridge’ color. Beautiful fruit aromas of nectarine, peach, and apricot are joined by refreshing hints of citrus. An abundance of delicate white plum, peach, honeydew, and ripe nectarine fill the palate with lively acidity. The brightness verges on minerality, but this rosé has mouthwatering character that carries through to a long-lasting, satisfying finish.

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM EVERY BOTTLE SOLD WILL GO TOWARDS ONGOING RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE FOR BREAST CANCER. EACH YEAR, JOE PERSONALLY SELECTS THE MOST WORTHY CHARITIES TO AID THIS CAUSE.



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