

2014 Rosé of Pinot Noir "Endless Crush"

The first time I had an elegant dry rosé wine was on a simple but romantic picnic with my husband Simon in Provence twenty five years ago. Local cheese, bread, fruit, the fabulous, dramatic scenery and that Provençal wine with its delicate salmon pink color, crisp acidity and floral aromas forever linked in my mind rosé wines and al fresco dining with romance. In 2004, Simon and I harvested Olivet Grange Pinot Noir on September 1st, which was our 20th wedding anniversary. To celebrate and mark the occasion I made a special rosé, which I called "Endless Crush".

Some rosés are made as a by-product of red wine by bleeding off (saigner) some of the juice early in the production process to create a higher ratio of skin to juice, which will concentrate the resultant red wine. "Endless Crush" was not made in this manner. My intention from the start was to create a rosé separate from my Pinot Noir. Rosés made intentionally, rather than simply by drawing off the freerun juice, tend to have greater complexity and structure because the grapes are pressed.

This 2014 vintage of "Endless Crush" was made entirely from our organically grown Olivet Grange fruit; like that first rosé I enjoyed in France, this wine is a beautiful, pale, delicate pink and is crisp and refreshing.

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Fruit Source: Olivet Grange Vineyard

Tasting Notes

Color: Pale Pink

Aroma: Wild Strawberry, passionfruit, honeysuckle, guava, ruby grapefruit zest

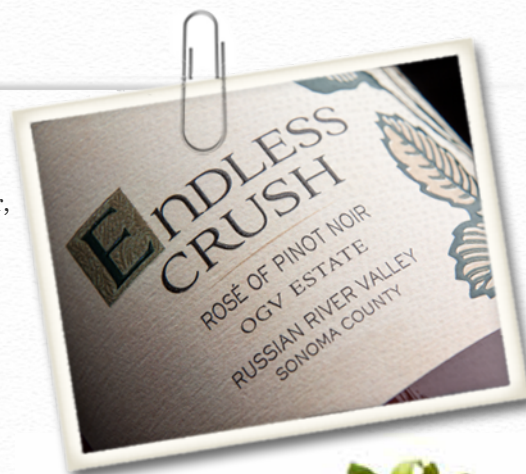
Flavor: Strawberry, mineral, blood orange, watermelon rind

Winemaker Notes

The grapes for this wine were picked on two occasions. Both times the fruit was de-stemmed and left to cold soak in half-ton macro bins. Occasionally, I would punch down the fruit to try and extract a little color. The fruit was then moved to a Diemme press and pressed on a delicate white wine cycle. The juice was moved to tank for cold settling, racked and then inoculated for primary fermentation using a Provençal yeast strain. After crossflow filtration the wine was bottled on November 24, 2014.

Warning ~ This wine may be addictive!

Case Production: 1,500



Wine Specs

Vintage 2014

Varietal Pinot Noir

Harvest Date August 2014

TA 0.68

PH 3.3

Aging Stainless Steel

Bottling Date November 24, 2014

Residual Sugar 0.4

Alcohol % 12.8%