

2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

280 Cases Produced

Vineyard Composition

100% Gemini Vineyard, Laurelwood AVA

Chemistry

13.5% Alcohol 7.0 g/L Titratable Acidity 3.2 pH 2.6 g/L glucose/fructose

Vintage Notes

This is our debut rosé release for Garageland. The Garageland name is stolen from The Clash punk-rock song, and is an homage to all of the artisans - from musicians and painters, to brewers and food makers, who toil away behind non-descript roll-up garage doors. Ourselves included.

Gemini Vineyards, in the newly minted Laurelwood AVA outside of Tualatin Oregon, is 16 acres under vine at 500ft on a slight north and northeast hill. It is farmed with care by the de Hayr family who also live on the land. We always partner with growers who farm with the least use of synthetic chemicals out of our concern for the workers in the fields and the consumers who will drink this wine. Most of our grape sources are organic in practice.

The different Pinot blocks here were planted in 1995 and 2015. Both the older and younger sections were used in this wine. After a pre-dawn pick, the grapes were carefully sorted in the field and went directly into the press whole bunch. The juice was carefully settled to remove vineyard solids and was then transferred to tank for fermentation. A long cool fermentation built natural body in the wine while retaining the primary fruit characteristics and long finish. The wine was gently filtered for clarity before bottling.

This rosé has a medium body while staying graceful and light on its toes. The fruit component is slightly sweet and inviting, with just enough umami and earth to ground it. The finish is long and bright, begging for another sip. Like all of my wines, this bottling reflects a hands-off winemaking style, and draws focus to the vibrant delicacy, heady aromatics, and natural acidity that are the hallmarks of a well-balanced wine.

