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*King Estate*  
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**2021**

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Say Rosé and visions of sipping on sun-splashed patios pop to mind. But as more and more people are finding, the wine is versatile and delicious year round. Rosé made from Pinot Noir grapes is most popular in the U.S. so it's only natural that our take on Rosé starts with the fruit that put Oregon on the map.

### TASTING NOTES

Color is pale rose with a nose of rose petal, bing cherry, strawberry, melon, lime zest and passion fruit. The entry is well balanced, showing bright red fruit like fresh strawberry, cherry and raspberry along with melon, peach skin, crushed rock and lime zest. Textured richness on the mid-palate is accented by fresh acidity and balanced weight, leading to an elegant finish.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

The fruit was whole cluster pressed and left to sit on its skins just long enough to release the juice and develop the pink color before moving to a temperature-controlled stainless-steel tank for fermentation. The wine was aged in stainless steel.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A warm and dry spring continued through May. First signs of bloom appeared in early June, ahead of normal. As fruit set was occurring later in June, temperatures cooled and up to two and a half inches of rain fell. While rain during bloom can lead to lighter yields, the precipitation was critically important to alleviating serious drought stress. The grapes weathered a couple of summer heat spikes with no damage. On King Estate, harvest began on Sept. 9 and ended on Oct. 9. A couple of rain systems in September were short-lived and typical of an Oregon harvest. Berries were slightly smaller and overall fruit quality was outstanding.

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyards: 40% King Estate, 12% Saffron Fields, 10% Bradshaw, 7% Pfeiffer, 4% Kennel, 4% Croft, 3% Treos, 3% Elkhorn Ridge, 17% Other

AVA: Willamette Valley

Alcohol: 13.5%

