

A TRUE EXPRESSION OF RHINEFARM VINEYARD

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GUNDLACH BUNDSCHU



90 POINTS
Wine Enthusiast

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested in cool morning hours
Whole-cluster pressed

COOPERAGE

100% stainless steel

ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 13.8%
pH: 3.35
TA: 0.61 g/100mL

CASES PRODUCED

1,323 cases
Released March 2018

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$25.00

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2017 RHINEFARM ROSÉ

Sonoma Coast

VINTAGE NOTES

Another stellar vintage for quality! A biblical winter deluge and mild spring fostered vigorous vegetative growth that required meticulous canopy management. That theme continued as the season progressed into a beautiful but hot summer, with harvest being kickstarted early in late-August by a surprise heat wave. Things then cooled down, slowing ripening for red grapes and allowing them to reach optimal maturity, with prominent flavors, great color, and intense aromatics reminiscent of '13 and '14.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Rhinefarm Rosé is crafted with fruit sourced primarily from the Bundschu family's 150+ year-old Rhinefarm Estate Vineyard, located on the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains, just eight miles north of San Pablo Bay. The terrain below 150 ft elevation features gently sloping Huichica clay loam soils with gravel deposits and cooler growing conditions that deliver minerality and focused acidity. Our Rhinefarm Rosé is sourced primarily from Dijon and Heritage clones of Pinot Noir up to 40 years old.

TASTING NOTES

Since tasting notes are no stranger to hyperbole, please forgive us for claiming the 2017 Rhinefarm Rosé as our best vintage of this wine yet. Pale in color with inviting aromatics, captivating layers of coastal strawberries and green apples intermingled with a seductive pinch of confectioner's sugar are subtly revealed. The light bodied palate has lively flavors of lime-driven citrus and tart red fruits that are contrasted by a surprisingly creamy texture, yet remain refreshing and nimble. With so much sensual satisfaction from a light package, we have no doubt you will fall in love with this rosé as well—no exaggeration!