



**Spindrift Cellars**

## **Rosé Pinot Noir 2016**

**Appellation:** Willamette Valley, Oregon

**Alcohol:** 13.97%

**T.A.:** 5.9 grams per liter

**pH:** 3.33



### **Wine:**

Delicate aromas of rose petals. The dry Rosé provokes ripe strawberry and crisp flavors complemented by a thrill of sour cherries. Finishes with elegant grip and pretty lingering acid.

### **Wine making:**

80% of the Pinot Noir was whole cluster pressed to eliminate skin contact. 20% of the fruit was crushed with overnight skin contact then pressed. This small amount of skin contact extracts a small amount of color and tannin from the grapes. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tank under temperature control to retain fruit flavor.

### **2016 Growing Season:**

Earliest vintage on record delivers outstanding fruit quality with closer to normal yields. Similar to the last two vintages, the 2016 growing season continued to push the envelope for defining the new normal in Oregon as one of the earliest on record. An unusually warm spring gave way to moderate summer conditions, which provided even growing conditions through véraison. The 2016 vintage saw practically immaculate fruit with few signs of disease, pest or bird effects. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit produced resulted in wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity.

### **Vineyards:**

The 10 acre Thompson Vineyard is located on a 700 acre Century farm homestead in base of the coastal hills of Junction City, Oregon. The 2016 Pinot Noir Rosé came from the top 5 acres of the vineyard which were planted in 2012. The clone type for the five acres is Pommard Pinot Noir. The soil composition is a mix of belpine soil series and a Jory soil series.

Spindrift Cellars is the "little winery that could", built by the hard work and passion of a dedicated husband and wife team. They started small, focusing on producing crisp, quality wines that display the true varietal characteristics of the grape. A great bottle of wine starts with great grapes, and our winemaker; Matt brings 20 years of experience and expertise to the husbandry of the vineyards in his care. Using "sustainable" practices he strives to produce fine wines that are sustainable from vine to bottle.