



2023 Rose of Pinot Noir

My college-aged son declared the 2023 rose of pinot noir to be my most delicious vintage to date. I am not sure what that says about either this wine or my parenting skills. (Your) snarky judgement aside, this ballet-slipper pink super sipper is an aromatic, tropical, tutti-fruity delight. At 12.8% ABV (no lie!) you can treat yourself to a second glass, or three. Let's just call this "way yummy" and leave the fancy adjectives for the birds.

Vineyard:

The 2023 rose of pinot noir includes juice sourced from our own fruit in addition to our super-secret Sonoma County winery partner. Our Sonoma County rose partner is so famous for his Sonoma County pinot noir that he requests anonymity. Needless to say, this juice IS the good stuff. In fact, it's so good that we could actually label this "Russian River Valley Rose of Pinot Noir." But yeah, we think that's too pretentious for a lively pink drink, so we'll stick to our Sonoma County designation (plus we won't have to adjust the labels). This rose is vinified using a saignee technique, meaning it's the same premium juice as our single vineyard pinots (or "his" single vineyard pinots).

Harvest:

In the freewheeling spirit of rose, I was uncharacteristically lax about sending samples to the lab. In the final third of fermentation, our lot yielded the following numbers:

Glucose + fructose: 7.0 g/L RS

pH: 3.37

TA: 6.0 g/L

Fermentation:

I fermented this juice in a stainless-steel tank using X16 yeast which enhances the white and red fruits that make rose sing. I fermented slow and cool, with temperatures ranging from 63-65 degrees.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 5 months in neutral oak and stainless-steel barrels.

Blending:

This rose is a cuvee of pinot noir juice from our vineyards and a top-secret winery partner. This juice is stamped with a premium Russian River Valley pedigree that we keep on the down low.

Bottling:

I bottled the 2023 rose of pinot noir on 1/19/24. Drink when the snow thaws; when the daffodils bloom; when you need a Barbie pink mood boost; and every time you fire up the barbecue. Salut.

About Bruliam Wines:

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of my three children's names. I strive to craft world class wines that reflect vineyard site and impeccable farming, doing our grower partners proud. Our charitable mandate imbues my work, which is to make something delicious you can enjoy tonight. For more information, please visit us at www.bruliamwines.com.