



2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir
McIntyre Estate Vineyard
Santa Lucia Highlands

Overview

Steve McIntyre is one of the most knowledgeable viticulturists in California. As owner/operator of Monterey Pacific, he farms 16,000 acres in Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties and has planted or farmed nearly one quarter of the vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The McIntyre Estate Vineyard lies in the “sweet spot” of this rolling, benchland region. It produces incredibly intense and complex Pinot Noirs and well-structured, concentrated Chardonnays. It was among the first properties in the Santa Lucia Highlands to be SIP (Sustainability In Practice) Certified.

Vineyard

While it is never easy to compensate for Mother Nature’s peculiarities, this wine is undoubtedly enhanced by the work we did in the vineyard. The vines for this Rosé are now 48 years old, own rooted and grown on a Lyre trellis system. The crop was thinned to a maximum of 5 tons per acre. Row orientation is north/south, which provides even sun exposure from morning and afternoon.

Winemaking

At McIntyre our winemaking style is minimalistic. We endeavor to let the beautiful fruit shine through with limited intervention; let the grape speak for itself! The grapes for this Rosé were harvested and hand-sorted in the early morning hours. The fruit was purposely harvested for Rosé, which means that we harvest at lower brix levels to keep the alcohols under 14%. No acidulation is required as the grapes retain their natural acidity in this cool site. While most of the wine is fermented in Stainless Steel we ferment nearly 10% in neutral oak barrels to soften and add richness to the finished product.

Steve’s Tasting Notes

This wine’s natural, vibrant copper color foreshadows the stunning aromas of fresh berry, watermelon, rhubarb, black cherry pie and currants. While the bouquet is open and forthright, the texture is a bit more mysterious. One moment it is dry, crisp and refreshing; the next it is bold, plush and opulent. The finish, as you might expect, is pure, full and satisfying. Enjoy!

Vital Statistics

Composition	100% Pinot Noir
Vineyard	McIntyre Estate Vineyard
AVA	Santa Lucia Highlands
Total Acidity	0.68 grams/100ml
PH	3.24
Alcohol	13.2%
Cases Produced	375
SRP	\$24

