

# brick & mortar

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2014  
rosé of pinot noir  
napa valley



## TECHNICAL NOTES:

AVA: Napa Valley  
Production: 55 cases  
Alcohol: 12.5%  
Lightly Fine + Filtered  
Release Date: February 14th, 2015

## VINEYARD

The fruit for this rosé is sourced from Pinot Noir hailing from two different sites, Cougar Rock Vineyard (80%) and La Perla Vineyard (20%) - both in Napa Valley. Cougar Rock Vineyard was the sole source for our inaugural wines. Nestled from 1450 to 1800 feet above sea level, the vineyard lies due east of Yountville, high up in the Vaca Mountain Range of the eastern hills in Napa Valley. La Perla Vineyard is crosswise to Cougar Rock Vineyard, in the far northwest corner of the Napa Valley in the Mayacama Mountain Range. At a nearly identical altitude to the Cougar Rock Vineyard of 1800 feet, the southerly exposed vineyard sits amongst the pine trees in the Spring Mountain District. Two different vineyard locations producing two very different and unique components are blended in this release of the brick & mortar Napa Valley Rosé of Pinot Noir.

## VINTAGE

2014 was another dream vintage - the third in a row. With substantial rain in late February, the drought concerns were temporarily relieved, while giving the vines well-hydrated soils at the onset of the growing season. The summer weather was perfect for growing grapes, with no real heat spikes and moderately-low night time temperatures. The Pinot Noir harvest began in August, yielding intensely concentrated fruit.

## WINEMAKING

This rosé was a *saignée* bleed taken from our two Napa Valley Pinot Noirs at the crusher. After letting the juice settle via gravity, it was transferred into 50% stainless steel and 50% neutral oak barrels for native fermentation. Occasional *bâtonnage* was employed to enhance mouthfeel and texture of the rosé, backing the racey acidity.

## WINE

With a gorgeous hue of pale pink, the 2014 brick & mortar Napa Valley Rosé of Pinot Noir jumps out of the glass with a delicate floral bouquet and luscious red fruits. The supple texture is backed by a vibrant freshness making this a wonderfully versatile food wine. With fruit hailing from two steep hillside vineyards on Spring Mountain and Atlas Peak, this rosé is an exciting wine for brick & mortar.

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