



## WILLAKENZIE ESTATE

### 2021 ROSÉ WILLAMETTE VALLEY

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WillaKenzie Estate is located in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA in the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon. The winery was established in 1991 by Bernard Lacroute, who was inspired by the Estate's dynamic rolling hills that reminded him of his Burgundian roots. The Estate is named for the marine sedimentary soil series on which the vineyard is planted, in keeping with tradition that great wines reflect a true sense of place. WillaKenzie remains committed to its sustainable practices by preserving the biodiversity of the land and is Oregon's first LIVE certified winery (#001).

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 wines from WillaKenzie are going to be absolutely lovely. A little inclement weather in early and mid-June (which can be quite normal around here) happened at the same time flowering was occurring on the Estate. As a result, most of our grape yields from the property were lower than historical averages. But these smaller than average clusters were nearly perfect in terms of their size and structure from a winegrowing perspective. Warm, dry days during the summer and open clusters led to a growing season that was nearly free of disease pressure. And the beautiful fruit maintained its nearly picture-perfect integrity all the way up until harvest. In the winery, small berries led to concentrated and intense flavors.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The grapes that were used to craft this 2021 Willamette Valley Rosé were hand-harvested just after sunrise on the mornings of September 3rd, 4th and 7th. After picking, whole clusters were loaded into our press and gently squeezed to extract pure, fresh Pinot Noir juice. The juices were then transferred into temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks for both settling and slow, cool fermentations to retain aromatic intensity and freshness. The wine was bottled on January 20, 2022. 🌿

ALCOHOL: 13.1%

PH: 3.24 TA: 8.13 g/L

#### COMPOSITION

97% Pinot Noir

3% Chardonnay

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- LIVE-Certified
- Salmon-Safe

#### TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Rosé is an exuberant and expressive wine that's loaded with intense confectionary notes along with aromas of citrus blossom, passion fruit and fresh strawberries. Those flavors carry through onto a palate that is energetic and vibrant with great purity and freshness.

#### PRODUCTION

800 cases