



## SARALEE'S VINEYARD 2022 PINOT NOIR ROSÉ

### ***Delicate. Crisp. Vibrant.***

*"Aromas of watermelon candy, TANGERINE ZEST, and fresh strawberry with flavors of FRESH Bing cherry, MANDARIN, and wild raspberry are complemented by undertones of minerality."*

CRAIG McALLISTER, WINEMAKER



Our original name, La Crema Vinera, means "best of the vine," setting the standard for all we do since 1979. Our family-owned and operated winery focuses exclusively on cool-climate appellations. We're continually exploring these very special regions—passionate in our belief that they make uniquely expressive and elegant wines.

### A REMARKABLE PLACE

At the heart of the Russian River Valley sits a majestic vineyard honoring the late Saralee Kunde, one of the region's most beloved and respected wine-growing visionaries. Awash with rustic charm, the 200-acre vineyard features a variety of Chardonnay and about 80 acres of Pinot Noir. Planted on 8 different soil types - mostly sandy/gravelly or clay loams. Clones included in the blend are 777, 15, and 29.

***It's one of the world's best cool-climate appellations, tailor-made for a sophisticated Rosé. It's a place for La Crema.***

### EXCEPTIONAL GRAPES

The Russian River Valley had a mixed and somewhat challenging growing season in 2022. Winter was relatively dry, the limited rainfall only partially replenished reservoirs and soil moisture. Unseasonably sunny and warm weather in February prompted early bud break, leaving vines susceptible to early season frosts. Overall Spring and early summer were warm and relatively trouble free, the heat turned up in late August and early September and record temperatures accelerated ripening and brought a rapid and fast paced harvest. Yields were a little depressed in the Russian River Valley, but we are seeing great concentration and flavor in the wines as a result. Our Saralee's Vineyard Rose harvest began on September 9th.

### ARTISAN WINEMAKING

***Our small-batch, hands-on techniques continued into the winery.***

The grapes are gently pressed then fermented at cool temperatures in a mix of small stainless steel tanks. Finished wines are left on light lees for approximately 2 months prior to blending.

***Smooth and elegant. Bright and exotic. Delicate. Crisp. Vibrant.***

### THE STATS:

Appellation: Russian River Valley  
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir Rosé  
Barreling: 100% Stainless Steel Tanks  
Alcohol: 13.3%  
T.A.: 5.8 g/L  
pH: 3.47