

## NORTH VALLEY 2014 ROSÉ

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**NORTH VALLEY WINES.** The Willamette Valley is Oregon's most recognized appellation for cool climate varietal wines, and it is in the Northern part of this region where the finest vineyards are found - an epicenter we refer to as the North Valley - which includes all of the defined sub-appellations (the Dundee Hills, Ribbon Ridge, Yamhill-Carlton, etc.). It is from within this region of rolling hillsides and diverse soils that veteran winegrowers James Cahill and Tony Soter, along with North Valley partners, Brian Sypher and Michelle Soter, source certified sustainable vineyards of real "Cru" quality for these personality-driven wines. Meticulous, hands-on attention to farming practices throughout the growing season from flowering through harvest, and minimal handling in the winery, assures a resulting level of quality normally associated exclusively with estate grown wines - in fact, we think of each vineyard site we work with as if it were a "satellite estate property", as a statement of our genuine commitment to making the best wines we can.

**TASTING AND VINTAGE NOTES.** 2014 will be compared to the enormously successful 2012 vintage in a number of ways. The season was long with even, warm weather and allowed winegrowers to elect when to pick - which is a rare privilege for us in the Willamette Valley. Our 2014 Rosé has an almost electric, purple-tinted color in the glass, offering up very forward aromas of fresh cranberries, with bright cherry blossom and red currant notes. On the palate, the wine delights with more red cherry flavors, along with honeysuckle, lemon zest and blueberries. Altogether engaging, and while, as a Rosé, its fruitiness is pronounced, it is very dry with a lovely mineral backbone. It finishes with a convincing note of real Pinot noir flair - where this predominant varietal in the overall blend sings out with a clear voice.

"Shows a palate-tingling spiciness on the finish, which is firmed by tangy mineral and bitter quinine notes. No excess fat here but no sense of austerity either." 90 PTS VINOUS

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### APPELLATION

Willamette Valley  
Certified Sustainable Vineyards

### ALCOHOL

13.2%

### ELEVAGE

30% used French oak  
70% stainless steel barrels  
No malolactic fermentation  
No residual sugar

### VARIETALS

86% Pinot noir  
7% Pinot gris  
5% Chardonnay  
2% Gewurztraminer

