

## NORTH VALLEY 2015 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.** 2015 will be recognized as a great Oregon Vintage. An early bud break and flowering set the stage for one of the earliest and most successful harvests on record. A warm, generous growing season provided everything we needed to ripen the (very) ample crop load nature provided. By early September we were harvesting pristine fruit under sunny sky with no pressure to hurry; the Fall weather was gorgeous. The resulting wines display freshness and purity with vibrant acidities, depth and flavor intensity. It is easy to say that in many ways the 2015 is a mirror of the 2014 vintage, but comparison of the two years will prove interesting for years to come. The distinctions between these two fine vintages will be delicious.

Electric, light-reflecting, translucent color in the glass. Beautiful aromas of white flowers, crenshaw melon, orange peel and cranberries abound. Very high toned with great acidity, but with real substance and depth all at once. Additional flavors emerge to include bing cherries, tangerine and bubble gum. Real drive and persistence. Utterly refreshing, with lovely Pinot Noir nuance.

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### APPELLATION

56% Chehalem Mountains  
44% Willamette Valley  
100% LIVE certified

### ELEVAGE

52% previously filled French oak  
48% stainless steel barrels  
No malolactic fermentation  
No residual sugar

### VARIETALS

100% Pinot Noir

### ALCOHOL

13.4%

