



VINEYARDS 100% Patton Valley Vineyard Estate Grown LIVE Certified Sustainable	CLONES Dijon: 113, 114, 667
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pH 3.22	HARVEST DATES 9-10 to 9-16, 2015	ALCOHOL 12.6 %
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ELEVAGE Fermented and aged in Stainless Steel	PRODUCTION Hand-Picked Cold fermented Never Saignée
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**Patton Valley is LIVE
 Certified Sustainable Winery.**



People who say that hope springs eternal clearly have yet to suffer the bleakness of a dark Oregon winter. The vines are sleepy, the sky is sinister, and the air is mopey and wet. Heads hang low while feet seem to aimlessly shuffle. But then, as eons of tradition hold, the bright eyes of Spring begin to glisten and the pace of life hastens as the many Pinot Noir Rosés descend into bottle. Ours, like the first tulip sprouting from the garden, gets the heart racing, the flannel hurriedly shoved into the back of the closet, and the palate bristling at its first mention.

Our rosé is special. Made from select rows of Estate Pinot Noir vines managed expressly to be rosé, hand-picked early and handled minimally in the winery, it occupies a rare place in a cluttered category. Similar to the way that sparkling is made, our winemaker, Derek Einberger, lets the wine begin and end with the bright, vibrant, and deliberate zing of persistent acidity. With only one post-fermentation racking, this wine develops a broad mid-palate through primary lees contact, which balances the acid core. Delightfully, this leads to small amounts of dissolved CO2 in the wine, which flit across the palate like a lost idea. The Patton Valley rosé will please both hedonists and nerds alike.

The color is a gorgeous light salmon. Watermelon, pear, jasmine, white flowers, lemon bar, and marzipan explode out of the glass, but never overwhelm. Is that brioche baking in the next room? Yes. Yes it is. The wine will be gone before you know it, before you've even had a chance to decide what it was, or what it meant to you. It remains a wine that demands contemplation, but frustratingly refuses to stay in your glass long enough for you to find all of the words. The second bottle will be just as good.

Now all we have to do is keep some around for the winter, right? Fat chance of that.

1800 cases produced