# ANIMÉ

# Rosé of Pinot Noir



TOBIAS GLEN VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



PRODUCTION

48 cases

#### VINEYARD

Tobias Glen, our estate vineyard, is a 19-acre, certified sustainable parcel located in one of the most cherished micro-regions in the Russian River Valley. Ideally suited for Pinot Noir, the predominant soil type is Goldridge. Its excellent drainage allows us to create a balanced vineyard ecosystem yielding exceptional, high-quality fruit.

#### ABOUT HARVEST & WINEMAKING

2018 will be remembered as a colder and slower season in the Russian River Valley, producing wines with profound elegance and delicacy. Bud break started about a month later than the last 5 vintages, and at a date recognized as being more in line with the historical averages. A mild spring allowed for a nice crop set and it was followed with a "cold" summer for Northern California standards. This resulted in slow maturing and perfect conditions for Pinot Noir, retaining freshness while developing intricate complexity of flavors.

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The color is bright with a pale salmon hue. Intense and floral, the aromas are intermixing citrus, floral, and apricot scents. At first taste, the vibrant energy of the wine is obvious with floral and citrus notes returning. The mid palate carries some weight as well, making the wine very versatile. The finish is vivacious - long with notes of strawberry and raspberry.

#### ABOUT THE WINEMAKER

Stéphane Vivier joined our team in 2015. A native of Burgundy, Vivier's old-world sensibilities are ideally suited to working with our Pinot Noir varietal at the Russian River site. He obtained degrees in viticulture and enology from Université de Bourgogne, and cultivated his vineyard and cellar skills at Pommard, Meursault, and Chassagne-Montrachet.

#### ACCOLADES

## Wine Enthusiast 93pts

"Made in tiny amounts from a certified-sustainable vineyard, this wine spends three months in French oak. Light in color, it tastes of crisp tangerine, lime and rhubarb, with lengthy acidity and long-lasting notes of dried herb and light cardamom."



