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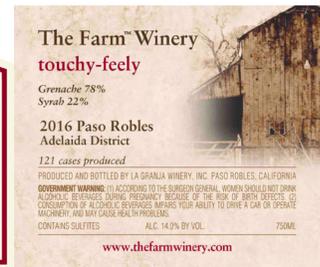
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## RHÔNE-STYLE RED WINES New Releases

- 2017 V. Sattui Winery, “Grenache,”** Napa Valley (\$37) – Medium ruby color; attractive, fragrant, cherry, raspberry, and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of dill, white pepper, and cola; full body; forward, rich, ripe, elegant, nicely balanced, red and dark berry fruit flavors with herbal and spicy notes, light undertones of toasty oak, and some plushness in the mouthfeel; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to drink now, though also worthy of a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.9% alcohol; 436 cases; blend of 78% Grenache, 13% Syrah, 5% Alicante Bouschet, and 4% Mourvèdre; released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.6 of 20 points, 3 of 7 first-place votes/1 second/0 thirds; My Score: 17 [92 of 100 points], second place)
- 2016 The Farm Winery, “Touchy-Feely,”** Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$60) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, bright, ripe, spicy, red cherry and red berry fruit aroma with floral and mineral notes; medium-full to full body; rich, ripe, elegant, nicely balanced, red fruit flavors with hints of dill and anise, and a slight plushness in the silky mouthfeel; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very appealing to drink now, though should benefit from further bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.0% alcohol; 121 cases; blend of 78% Grenache and 22% Syrah; released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.6, 1/1/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], first place)
- 2017 Thacher, “Oddly Natural, Glenrose Vineyard,”** Adelaida District, Paso Robles (\$52) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, fragrant, deep, complex, dark cherry, raspberry, and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of clove, smoked meat, black pepper, and cocoa; full body; deep, rich, ripe, cedary, red and black fruit flavors with good acid balance, spicy and peppery notes, undertones of toasty oak, and some plushness in the mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable now though best to bottle age for several more years. Very highly recommended. *14.8% alcohol; 180 cases; blend of 45% Grenache, 41% Syrah, and 14% Counoise; released March 2020.* (Group Score: 16.6, 1/2/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], third place)
- 2017 V. Sattui Winery, “Entanglement,”** Napa Valley (\$42) – Medium ruby; attractive, rich, ripe, fragrant, peppery, red and dark berry fruit aroma with hints of clove and mocha; medium-full to full body; spicy, peppery, red and black fruit flavors with good acid balance and plummy richness in the



- mouthfeel; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to drink now or over the next year or two. Very highly recommended. *15.2% alcohol; 1,160 cases; blend of 49% Syrah, 40% Grenache, and 11% Mourvèdre; released September 2019.* (Group Score: 16.5, 0/1/0; My Score: 17 [92/100], fourth place)
- 2017 J. Lohr Gesture, “GSM,”** Paso Robles (\$30) – Medium ruby; attractive, deep, spicy, dark cherry, and red berry fruit aroma with hints of anise, fennel, and bacon fat; medium-full to full body; big, rich, fleshy, red fruit flavors with hints of cinnamon and cardamom, and some suppleness in the rounded mouthfeel; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very highly recommended. Very enjoyable now, though should benefit from several more years of bottle aging. *15.1% alcohol; 922 cases; blend of 74% Grenache, 17% Syrah, and 9% Mourvèdre; released April 2019.* (Group Score: 16.5, 1/0/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], fifth place)
  - 2017 TH Vineyards, “The 46,”** Willow Creek District, Paso Robles (\$66) – Medium ruby; attractive, herbal, red cherry, raspberry, and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of clove, anise, and smoke meat; full body; deep, rich, ripe, red and black fruit flavors with spicy notes, a hint of cola, and a slight creaminess in the mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very approachable now though a few more years of bottle aging should help to moderate a slight roughness on the finish. Very highly recommended. *14.1% alcohol; 248 cases; blend of 46% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 12% Mourvèdre, and 2% Graciano; released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.5, 0/1/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], sixth place)
  - 2017 Sans Liege, “The Offering,”** Santa Barbara County (\$29) – Medium ruby; attractive, forward, deep, dark cherry and dark berry fruit aroma with hints of dried herbs and black pepper; medium-full to full body; rich, nicely balanced, meaty, dark cherry and blackberry fruit flavors with a hint of dark chocolate, and a slight roughness on the finish; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable now, though worthy of a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *15.4% alcohol; 2,502 cases; blend of 45% Grenache, 33% Syrah, 21% Mourvèdre, and 1% Viognier; released August 2019.* (Group Score: 16.4, 0/0/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], seventh place)

8. **2016 Thacher**, “Constant Variable,” Central Coast (\$48) Medium ruby; attractive, strawberry and blackberry fruit aroma with herbal notes and hints of clove, sage, pepper, and saddle leather; full body; rich, textured, blue and black fruit flavors with good acid balance and hints of smoked meat, black peppercorn, and Asian spices; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoy now though best to age for several years. Very highly recommended. *14.5% alcohol; 361 cases; blend of 47% Grenache, 26% Syrah, 14% Mourvèdre, and 13% Counoise; released March 2020.* (Group Score: 16.3, 0/0/1; My Score: 17 [91/100], eighth place)

9. **2018 Morgan**, “Cotes du Crow’s,” Monterey (\$20) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, bright, ripe, fragrant, cherry and raspberry fruit aroma with hints of anise, tea leaf, and cola; medium-full body; nicely balanced, fresh, elegant, red fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Ready, easy, and enjoyable to drink now. Highly recommended. *13.8% alcohol; 5,426 cases; blend of 66% Grenache, 31% Syrah, and 3% Tempranillo; released December 2019.* (Group Score: 16.3, 1/0/0; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], ninth place)

10. **2017 Frequency**, “GSM,” Santa Barbara County (\$28) – Medium-light to medium ruby; fragrant, floral, earthy, cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with light herbal and peppery notes, and a hint of cola; medium-full body; dark cherry and blackberry fruit flavors with spicy notes and a touch of black pepper; medium to medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Nicely balanced and easy to drink now. Highly recommended. *14.8% alcohol; blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Mourvèdre; number of cases and release date not available.* (Group Score: 16.3, 0/1/1; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], tenth place)

11. **2018 Eberle**, “Côtes-du-Rôbles,” Paso Robles (\$34) – Medium-light ruby; fragrant, floral, spicy, cherry and strawberry fruit aroma with hints of clove, cinnamon, and rose petal; medium-full to full body; nicely balanced, bright, red fruit flavors with herbal and mineral notes and a rich, elegant mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Ready and enjoyable to drink now or over the next year or two. Highly recommended. *14% alcohol; 1,028 cases; blend of 63% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 7% Mourvèdre; released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.2, 0/0/1; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], eleventh place)

12. **2015 Scherrer**, “Huntsman,” Sonoma County (\$34) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, herbal, briary, cherry, raspberry, and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of white pepper, dill, tobacco leaf, and saddle leather; full body; deep, rich, textured, red and black berry fruit flavors with hints of anise and dried herbs, and a slight roughness on the finish; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to drink now. Very highly recommended. *14.5% alcohol; 95 cases; blend of 62% Grenache and 38% Syrah; released April 2020.* (Group Score: 16.2, 0/0/0; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], twelfth place)

True Ranking: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]



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## CABERNET SAUVIGNON New Releases



1. **2016 Louis M. Martini**, “Monte Rosso Vineyard,” Sonoma Valley (\$150) – Medium-dark ruby color; attractive, deep, ripe, intense, spicy, blackberry and cassis aroma with hints of dried herbs, green olive, and mocha; full body; relatively big, deep, red and black fruit flavors with hints of chocolate and espresso, undertones of sweet oak, and a rich, plush mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very appealing and enjoyable to drink now, though should benefit from three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *15.3% alcohol; 2,200 cases; 100% Cabernet Sauvignon (CS); released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.8 of 20 points, 3 of 8 first-place votes/1 second/0 thirds; My Score: 17.5 [93 of 100 points], second place)

2. **2016 V. Sattui Winery**, “Morisoli Vineyard,” Napa Valley (\$95) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, ripe, earthy, black cherry, cassis, and blackberry fruit aroma with floral notes and hints of dried herbs and tobacco leaf; full body; nicely balanced, red and black fruit flavors with undertones of toasty oak, hints of mocha, and plummy richness in the mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very enjoyable to drink now, though worthy of three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *15.1% alcohol; 2,320 cases; blended with 3% Merlot; released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.8, 2/0/1; My Score: 17.5 [93/100], first place)

3. **2016 V. Sattui Winery**, “Vittorio’s Vineyard,” Napa Valley (\$78) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, deep, ripe, dark cherry, cassis, and blackberry fruit aroma with herbal notes and hints of vanilla and roasted coffee; full body; rich, ripe, textured, cedary, dark fruit flavors with good depth, balance, and structure, and shows a hint of chocolate; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to drink now though will benefit from several more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.7% alcohol; 1,001 cases; blended with 7% Petit Verdot (PV); released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.7, 0/1/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], fourth place)

4. **2017 Ehlers Estate**, “1886,” St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$125) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, ripe, spicy, black cherry, cassis, and blackberry fruit aroma with floral notes and hints of dried herbs, mint, cedar, and tobacco leaf; full body; forward, rich, dark cherry flavors with spicy notes, good acid balance, a hint of dark chocolate, and some plushness in the mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very enjoyable now and also nicely balanced and structured for bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.5% alcohol; 1,100 cases; 100% CS; released March 2020.* (Group Score: 16.6, 1/1/1; My Score: 17 [91/100], fifth place)

5. **2017 Corison**, St. Helena, Napa Valley (\$100) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, fragrant, dark cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with earthy notes and hints of cassis and baking spice; full body; rich, ripe, elegant, nicely balanced, red and black berry fruit flavors with notes of dried

herbs and undertones of toasty oak; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Deserves a good three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.2% alcohol; 2,200 cases; 100% CS; to be released September 2020.* (Group Score: 16.6, 1/1/2; My Score: 17 [92/100], third place)

6. **2016 Scherrer**, Alexander Valley (\$45) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, ripe, spicy, red cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of cassis, dill, dried herbs, and chocolate; full body; ripe, cedary, red and black fruit flavors with spicy and herbal notes, and pleasing richness in the mouthfeel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to drink now, though worthy of a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.8% alcohol; 170 cases; 100% CS; released April 2020.* (Group Score: 16.4, 1/1/0; My Score: 17 [90/100], ninth place)

7. **2016 Cornerstone Cellars**, “Benchlands,” Napa Valley (\$75) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, blackberry, cherry, and cassis aroma with hints of cinnamon, anise, and cigar box; full body; rich, ripe, textured, cedary, dark berry fruit flavors with hints of chocolate and baking spice, and an initial plushness in the mouthfeel and a slight roughness on the finish; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable now but look for further development with three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *15.2% alcohol; 1,300 cases; blended with 6% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 2% PV; released November 2019.* (Group Score: 16.4, 0/2/1; My Score: 17 [91/100], sixth place)

8. **2016 Cornerstone**, “Oakville Station,” Oakville, Napa Valley (\$120) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, deep, intense, cassis and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of dried herbs, black olive, anise, and vanilla; full body; deep, rich, ripe, spicy, layered, black fruit flavors with hints of black licorice and dark chocolate, undertones of toasty oak, some initial plushness in the mouthfeel and a bit drying on the finish; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Best to bottle age for several more years. Very highly recommended. *14.5% alcohol; 400 cases; blended with 3% PV; released September 2019.* (Group Score: 16.4, 0/1/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], seventh place)

9. **2017 Pride Mountain Vineyards**, “Reserve,” 84% Sonoma and 16% Napa (\$155) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, deep, intense, dark cherry, cassis, and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of dried herbs, green olive, licorice, and mocha; full body; forward, ripe, layered, red currant and black fruit flavors with a rich mouthfeel, bright acidity, herbal and cedary notes, and a hint of dark chocolate; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very approachable now, though deserving a good three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.5% alcohol; 1,452 cases; blended with 2% PV; released March 2020.* (Group Score: 16.4, 0/0/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], eighth place)

10. **2016 Jordan**, Alexander Valley (\$58) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; dark cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with notes of spice and dried herbs; full body; somewhat elegant, earthy, dark currant and blackberry fruit flavors with good acid balance and a hint of vanilla; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to drink now with potential to develop further with several more years of aging. Very highly recommended. *13.8% alcohol; 80,601 cases; blended with 11% Merlot, 7% PV, and 2% Malbec; released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.1, 0/0/1; My Score: 17 [90/100], tenth place)

11. **2017 Pride Mountain Vineyards**, “Vintner Select,” Napa Valley (\$98) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, ripe, spicy, black cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with herbal notes and

hints of mint and milk chocolate; full body; forward, rich, textured, red and dark berry fruit flavors with a hint of mocha and a bit rough on the finish; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Should benefit from a few more years of bottle aging. Highly recommended. *14.7% alcohol; 763 cases; 100% CS; released January 2020.* (Group Score: 16.0, 0/0/1; My Score: 17 [89/100], eleventh place)

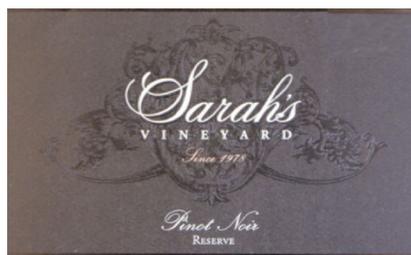
12. **2017 Shafer**, “One Point Five,” Stags Leap District, Napa Valley (\$95) – Medium-dark ruby; deep, intense, earthy, black cherry and dark berry fruit aroma with hints of dried herbs, olive, anise, and mocha; full body; forward, deep, rich, red and dark berry fruit flavors with hints of mint and cocoa powder, and a slight bitterness and hardness on the finish; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Should benefit from some bottle aging. Highly recommended. *15.3% alcohol; 9,000 cases; 100% CS; released March 2020.* (Group Score: 15.9, 0/0/0; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], twelfth place)

True Ranking: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9] [10, 11, 12]

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## PINOT NOIR New Releases



1. **2017 Sarah's Vineyard**, “Reserve,” Santa Clara Valley (\$65) – Medium-light to medium ruby color; attractive, deep, fragrant, dark cherry fruit aroma with hints of forest floor, baking spice, and rose petal; medium to medium-full body; seductive, rich, fleshy, elegantly styled, cherry fruit flavors with bright acidity, light spicy notes, and some plushness in the velvety mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very enjoyable to drink now, though also shows good bottle aging potential. Very highly recommended. *13.6% alcohol; 119 cases; 100% Pinot Noir (PN); released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.6 of 20 points, 3 of 8 first-place votes/0 seconds/2 thirds; My Score: 17.5 [93 of 100 points], first place)

2. **2017 Benovia**, “Cohn Estate,” Sonoma County (\$80) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, rich, ripe, spicy, complex, raspberry and red cherry fruit aroma with herbal and mineral notes; medium-full body; rich, nicely balanced, layered, red fruit flavors with bright acidity, hints of cinnamon and mocha, and a velvety mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Elegantly style and very appealing to taste now, though deserving several more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.1% alcohol; 340 cases; 100% PN; released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.5, 1/3/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], second place)

3. **2017 Black Kite**, “River Turn,” Anderson Valley (\$62) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, fragrant, floral, red cherry fruit aroma with earthy notes and hints of baking spice and forest floor; medium to medium-full body; rich, deep, fleshy, dark cherry fruit flavors with bright acidity, hints of cinnamon, dark chocolate, and white pepper, and a silky mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Nicely

balanced, and showing some elegance this wine is very enjoyable to drink now, though should be even better in two to fours. Very highly recommended. *14.2% alcohol; 124 cases; 100% PN; released August 2019.* (Group Score: 16.5, 1/1/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], third place)

4. **2017 Ancien**, “Haynes Old Block,” Coombsville, Napa Valley (\$68) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, ripe, spicy, black cherry fruit aroma with hints of forest floor, mocha, sandalwood, and rose petal; medium body; elegantly styled, cherry fruit flavors with mineral notes, bright acidity, and a silky mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable to taste now though worthy of several more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.1% alcohol; 61 cases; 100% PN; released February 2020.* (Group Score: 16.4, 0/1/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], fifth place)

5. **2017 Gary Farrell**, “Rochioli-Allen Vineyard,” Russian River Valley (\$80) – Medium-light ruby; attractive, herbal, red cherry fruit aroma with floral notes and hints of forest floor, baking spice, and rose petal; medium body; tight, cherry and red berry fruit flavors with bright acidity and a slight tartness in the mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Tending to be initially a bit lean and subtle the wine developed appealing varietal character as it aired in the glass. Very highly recommended. *13.3% alcohol; 369 cases; 100% PN; released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.3, 1/1/2; My Score: 17 [90/100], ninth place)

6. **2017 Fort Ross**, “The Terraces, Fort Ross Vineyard,” Fort Ross-Seaview (\$80) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, ripe, spicy, raspberry and cherry fruit aroma with hints of cardamom, baking spice, and sandalwood; medium to medium-full body; rich, elegant, red berry and dark currant flavors with bright acidity and a velvety texture in the mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Should benefit from several years of aging. Very highly recommended. *13.8% alcohol; 230 cases; 100% PN; released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.3, 0/0/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], sixth place)

7. **2017 Gary Farrell**, “Bien Nacido Vineyard,” Santa Maria Valley (\$70) – Medium-light ruby; fragrant, earthy, dark cherry and raspberry fruit aroma with hints of clove, mint, cinnamon, and rose petal; medium body; elegant, slightly tart, delicate, red fruit flavors with bright acidity and a silky mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Easy and enjoyable to drink now. Very highly recommended. *13.3% alcohol; 595 cases; 100% PN; released May 2020.* (Group Score: 16.2, 1/0/2; My Score: 17 [90/100], tenth place)

8. **2017 Black Kite**, “Redwoods’ Edge,” Anderson Valley (\$62) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, ripe, floral, black cherry and red berry fruit aroma with hints of cardamom, cinnamon, forest floor, and rose petal; medium to medium-full body; forward, deep, red fruit flavors with bright acidity, good richness in the mouthfeel, and a note of sweet oak; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Enjoyable now and over the next two to four years. Very highly recommended. *13.9% alcohol; 124 cases; 100% PN; released August 2019.* (Group Score: 16.2, 0/0/0; My Score: 17 [92/100], fourth place)

9. **2017 Black Kite**, “Stony Terrace,” Anderson Valley (\$62) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, deep, ripe, earthy, dark cherry and raspberry fruit aroma with hints of baking spice and sandalwood; medium to medium-full body; nicely balanced, rounded, red fruit flavors with hints of clove and dark chocolate, and undertones of toasty oak; a bit tight and drying on the finish; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste.

Deserves a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.2% alcohol; 124 cases; 100% PN; released August 2019.* (Group Score: 16.2, 1/1/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], seventh place)

10. **2017 Fort Ross**, “Top of Land, Fort Ross Vineyard,” Fort Ross-Seaview (\$80) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, deep, intense black cherry and strawberry fruit aroma with hints of black tea, Asian spices, and forest floor; medium body; tight, elegant, red fruit flavors with mineral notes, bright acidity, and a silky mouthfeel; medium tannin; lingering aftertaste. Deserves a couple more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *13.9% alcohol; 246 cases; 100% PN; released Spring 2020.* (Group Score: 16.2, 0/1/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], eighth place)

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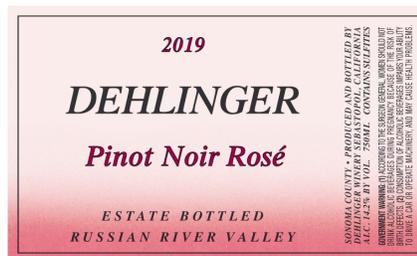
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## ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

### New Releases

The following abbreviated tasting notes on new 2019 Rosé of Pinot Noirs are from editor Nick Ponomareff. These wines were tasted during the past month outside of the normal *Grapevine* tasting panel format.



**2019 Dehlinger**, “Pinot Noir Rosé,” Russian River Valley (\$22) – Medium-light pinkish salmon color; fragrant, floral, red cherry and strawberry fruit aroma with a hint of rose petal; red cherry and white peach flavors with bright acidity and some richness in the silky mouthfeel. *14.2% alcohol; 320 cases; released March 2020.* (My Score: 91 of 100 points)

**2019 Lucy**, “Rosé of Pinot Noir,” Santa Lucia Highlands (\$19) – Light pinkish coral color; fragrant, floral, cherry and strawberry fruit aroma with hints of rose petal and baking spice; crisp, elegant, citrus, red berry, and watermelon flavors with bright acidity and a silky mouthfeel. Made by Pisoni Family Vineyards. *13.9% alcohol; 1,215 cases; released Spring 2020.* (My Score: 91)

**2019 Marimar Estate**, “Rosaleda, Rosé of Pinot Noir,” Sonoma Coast (\$32) – Pale salmon color; fragrant, floral, strawberry fruit aroma with a hint of rose petal; soft, rounded, red fruit flavors with some richness in the mouthfeel. *12.5% alcohol; 261 cases; released Spring 2020.* (My Score: 90)

**2019 Rodney Strong**, “Rosé of Pinot Noir,” Russian River Valley (\$25) – Light pinkish salmon color; fragrant, floral, strawberry, cherry, and watermelon aroma with hints of rose petal and baking spice; crisp, zesty, citrus and red cherry fruit flavors with bright acidity. *12.5% alcohol; 26,250 cases; released March 2020.* (My Score: 90)

**2019 Benovia**, “Rosé of Pinot Noir,” Russian River Valley (\$32) – Pale pinkish salmon color; medium-light, floral, cherry and strawberry fruit aroma; crisp, bright, red fruit flavors with a slight tartness on the finish. *14.0% alcohol; 430 cases; released Spring 2020.* (My Score: 89)