

# Ceritas

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Dear Friends,

For the first time in Ceritas' 18 year history, we are excited to release a beautiful Rose of Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast. We meditated on the idea of the perfect Rose and this might just be it. Full of flavor, fresh and texturally layered – this wine just unfolds its secrets after opening. We intend to only make this wine when the stars align.

Allocations are tight. Do NOT hesitate to make wish list requests as they will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. This wine will sell out fast.

## **2019 ROSE OF PINOT NOIR \ SONOMA COAST**

Grapes were sourced from the Senna Vineyard just outside of Occidental with equal proportions of Calera and Swan from shallow sandstone soils.

We picked the Pinot Noir under the stars on September 19, 2019, at potential 12.3% alcohol. Temperatures were freezing that night and the grapes came into the winery under the cover of darkness to be whole cluster pressed. The cold juice was transferred to tank, allowed to naturally settle, and then transferred to 15-year-old white barrels for fermentation. Natural fermentation was slow and steady finishing just before Thanksgiving. We allowed the wine to age for three months on its lees while natural malolactic fermentation took place. Racked to tank nearly three months ago tightened the wine in preparation for bottling. We added back 10% of Rose from 2018 to bring some additional texture to the wine.

Super-expressive. Precise and sculpted in the glass with fabulous energy. Tense and transparent. Aromas of orange peel, yuzu and mint are backed by fresh cranberries and rose water that explodes out of the glass. The wine is textured similarly to our Chardonnay's with a long finish that is almost unexpected from such a young wine.

We are thankful for your continued support of our family winery.

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## ROSE 2020 RELEASE

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We will be donating \$5000 to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund from this release to help protect the most vulnerable people in our society.

Be well. Love each other. Get outside and take in nature. We will all get through this. Let it be drinking Rose.

John and Phoebe Raytek