



Blossom Ridge Sparkling Rosé of Pinot Noir

2015

Our story began in 1971 when our parents, Susan Sokol and Bill Blosser, first planted vines in Oregon's Dundee Hills. As second generation winegrowers, we are passionately committed to our family's legacy of creating world-class wines, through sustainable methods, which express our distinctive hillside vineyards.

—Alex & Alison Sokol Blosser

VINTAGE HIGHLIGHTS

2015 was a year that you truly felt that the earth is heating up. We had record heat growing days, which helped us rack up the earliest bud break ever, the earliest bloom ever, and one of the earliest harvest dates ever. What does all this mean? Well, there was a lot of sweating out there in the vineyard, a lot of thirsty workers, and by the end of the season a lot of thirsty vines. The crop was huge stemming from wonderful weather in June the previous year, and a lot of fruit thinning was done to ensure that we had enough fermentation space in the cellar. The concern was not whether we could ripen all the fruit, it was if we could actually fit it all in our cellar. While it was another very dry summer, the mildew pressure was high and while we did not get much mildew at Sokol Blosser, we heard about a lot happening in the valley. We started picking for our sparkling program on August 19th, and started bringing in our Pinot Noir for still wine on September 4th. We finished up bringing in fruit on September 22nd. We have never seen a year this hot in Oregon, which made predicting what the wines will taste like into a shot in the dark. We've been growing grapes here since 1971, and the one thing that is constant is that every year is different and special. 2015 will be a huge serving of both.

WINEMAKING

After nearly 50 years in the Oregon wine industry, Sokol Blosser Winery has established a vibrant sparkling wine program. This program follows the Méthode Traditionelle process to make a truly special representation of the many varietals we have been working with for multiple decades. The great sparkling wines of the world are blends - or as the French would say, "Assemblage" - of multiple grape varietals, and differing styles of fermentation and levels of malolactic fermentation. We have taken some of the same varietals that we know make a fantastic white wine but have harvested, processed and fermented them with sparkling wine production in mind — creating another dimension in our growing sparkling line up.

WINE PROFILE

Our 2015 Sparkling Rosé of Pinot Noir is designated a brut level of sweetness, expressing aromatics of honeysuckle, rose petals and ripe strawberry. On the palate you will notice flavors of sourdough and citrus zest. Fine bubbles and bright acidity come through on the finish.

PAIRINGS

Serve with a traditional brunch spread including buttermilk pancakes, blackberry or peach jam, and anything flavored using blood orange powder

THE STORY

The Sokol Blosser family has selected a site comprised of volcanic soils and influenced by cooling marine winds located in the Eola-Amity Hills, called Blossom Ridge Vineyard. Starting in 2014 Sokol Blosser began the transition of Blossom Ridge to an organic vineyard site, carrying the farming values of "good to the earth" forward.



APPELLATION

100% Eola-Amity Hills

BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

BOTTLED

Tiraged April 2016, Disgorged January 2019

EN TIRAGE

32 months

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

12%

DOSAGE

7 g/L (Brut)

PROPER CELLAR LIFESPAN

~5 Years

PRODUCTION

590 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$60