

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA *Votre* **Santé**

"My father's mother, Maria Zasa, was an Italian born in Tunisia, a French protectorate at the time. It was a treat to grow up with a grandmother who spoke English, Italian, Arabic and French. I remember the little French songs she would sing to us about the marionettes, and also her toast when she was about to sip a glass of wine. She would always say, 'à votre santé,' meaning, 'to your health.'"

—Francis Ford Coppola

2013 Votre Santé Pinot Noir

A TOAST TO FAMILY TRADITIONS

Votre Santé wines pay tribute to Francis Coppola's grandmother, Maria Zasa, who would toast with the traditional French phrase, 'à votre santé,' each time she raised her glass. In her honor, we have created Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, France's two classic Burgundian varietals, in a delicate style that makes them ideal for any occasion.

THE WINE

We source our fruit from several different cool climate appellations, rather than just one, in order to achieve greater dimension and flavor complexity. Because each region reflects distinct soil qualities, each source develops different kinds of fruit flavors and aromatic properties with Carneros fruit exuding earthy undertones and sweet cherry flavors, and Monterey grapes delivering spicy, mineral-like qualities.

We also try to pick at a lower brix so we can produce wines with a lower alcohol content. Once harvested, the grapes are cold-soaked and fermentation is accomplished at a low temperature for several weeks. This wine has a light touch of oak. We age the wine in a combination of various French oak profiles to create beautiful nuances of vanilla and toasted oak.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2013 Pinot Noir reflects the beauty of the vintage. Moderate weather throughout the growing season put a little pressure on the vines, and provided the fruit with harmoniously well-balanced structure and texture. Brief heat spells followed by cool days allowed for full development of flavors. We experienced above average yields but since the weather allowed the fruit to slowly ripen and we harvested slightly later than normal, the grapes developed tremendous concentration and a very nice balance between ripe fruit and vibrant natural acidity.

Beyond its lovely garnet color, this wine offers a tantalizing fragrance of wild strawberries, bergamot and star anise along with luscious flavors of briary raspberries, cherries and spicy oak. While we tend to like our Votre Santé Pinot on the lighter, elegant side, this year's wine has a bit more flesh and volume to match the intense aromatics and lengthy finish, making it all the more sophisticated. Pairs beautifully with grilled mahi, lamb chops or a wild mushroom quiche.



Corey Beck, Winemaker



Appellation	California
Blend	100% Pinot Noir
Alcohol	13.5%
Total Acid	.56g/100ml
pH	3.73
Barrel Regimen	9 months in French oak

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