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THE 2020 VINTAGE REPORT

If there's one thing that can be said for the 2020 growing season, it's that it was anything but dull. A lack of winter rain led to our first ever winter irrigations, which helped manage our water deficit. Frost in late March decreased yields, however, this increased the concentration of flavor in the fruit. We also had a very unusual late spring hailstorm, although it was not severe enough to damage the vines. The summer progressed quite nicely with even weather for ripening. It looked like we were set up for a perfect vintage until an August heatwave hit with accompanying lightning that set off wildfires across California. To avoid smoke damage, we began harvesting immediately and nearly completed our harvest within just a few days. The resulting wines are therefore a little bit lighter than usual, but with plenty of bright fruit and wonderful concentration.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Stemmler Rosé is sourced from two vineyards in the Sonoma Coast AVA, each in a uniquely cool microclimate perfect for growing pinot noir. The vines range in age from 6 to 23 years old, providing a broad palette from which to make the final blend. The juice comes from a combination of pinot noir picked and gently pressed, which provides depth and structure, and saignee juice which provides fresh fruit and intensity. These are blended together and fermented very cold in stainless steel to maintain aromatic freshness and keep the wine lean and focused on the palate. The finished wine is then aged for about three months on the fermentation lees with no stirring.

TASTING NOTES

Pale salmon in color with a hint of copper at the rim, the 2020 Stemmler Rose boasts an expressive nose of strawberry, watermelon, and golden apple. The palate is bright and fresh, with apple, Key lime, and cherry joined by a hint of slate and rosewater. Beautiful acidity keeps the wine light yet structured on the finish.