



# DES AMIS

## 2017 ROSÉ

Des Amis translates as 'friends.'

We chose this name because friends are at the core of our philosophy. Our friendship is the reason we wanted to make a wine together, and we've relied on friends to make this wine a reality.

Our first vintage was 44 cases of whole cluster Pinot Noir rosé made using gifted grapes, illegally under the cover of night over one large pizza (half Meat Lover's, half Hawaiian) and a few bottles of really good wine. Now into our 5th vintage, Des Amis has become an exciting project for us and the friends that help make Des Amis a reality. Sadly, fires broke out in Napa and Sonoma in 2017, destroying some vineyards, wineries, and homes. We almost lost our wines this vintage as everyone was just scrambling to make sure everyone was safe and wines were salvaged. We were able to move our wines down to our own Folktale Winery in Carmel, CA, where we finished the blend and bottled on January 11, 2018.

### TASTING NOTES

#### *2017 Blend*

After working with some bigger red varietals over the last few vintages, we made the decision to be more proactive with the blend this vintage. It benefited us this year, as all our grapes were in and through fermentation before the fires broke out. We returned to our Pinot Noir base, adding some gorgeous Grenache and Grenache Blanc. The 1% of Sangiovese was added at Folktale from our estate vineyard. The 2017 Des Amis Rosé truly catches your eye with a beautiful French Rose color.

#### *Tasting Notes*

The color is a beautiful salmon with a burnt orange tinge. A classic rosé. The first time I put my nose in the glass, I described it as smelling refreshing and really pretty. Aromas of watermelon, tangerines, cherry, and orange blossoms are as enticing as any wine I've ever smelled. On the palate, these great summer flavors come alive but are so balanced and subtle, that I describe as a cucumber water character. A wonderful chalky and mineral character, floral background, and bright acidity with the summer fruit flavors are amazing. Imagine Zooey Deschanel singing Summer Wind standing in a field of wild flowers in a sun dress. Put that into a bottle. That's the 2017 Des Amis Rosé.

<i>Varietals</i>	<i>51% Pinot Noir, 30% Grenache, 18% Grenache Blanc, and 1% Sangiovese</i>
<i>Appellation</i>	<i>California</i>
<i>Vintage</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>ALC. by VOL.</i>	<i>13.4%</i>
<i>pH</i>	<i>3.37</i>
<i>TA</i>	<i>.81g/100mL</i>

