

D O M A I N E D E L A

Rivière

ROSE

Shoshana

2017

Wine Details

Vineyard:	Vineyard eleven
Appellation:	Russian River Valley, Middle Reach
Terroir:	Spreckels & huichica loam volcanic clay subsoils, south-facing steep slope
Varietal:	Pinot Noir
Clone:	115
Harvest Date:	August 29, 2017
Fermentation:	Cool, long fermentation to complete dryness
Alcohol:	12.0%
Barrels:	French oak and steel
Barrel Aging:	6 months
Bottling Date:	March 7, 2018
Production:	170 cases
Release Date:	April 18, 2018
Cellaring Time:	Drink now

Winemaker Notes

From a section of the original vineyard, before redevelopment, the 2017 Shoshana Rosé embodies spring. The grapes were harvested in August at approximately 20 Brix, after the clusters had reached veraison. A small section of Vineyard eleven's Red Barn Block, with the steepest south-facing slope and most vigorous vines at the estate, was dedicated to this whole-cluster pressed rosé. Extremely light in color, the nose is fresh and floral. Light raspberry, lychee, and lavender expand in the mouth with the underlying minerality from a natural grapefruit or lemon-like acidity. The combination of french oak barrel and stainless steel fermentation, along with the halting of malolactic fermentation, has preserved the freshness of this rosé. The low alcohol and crisp acidity of the 2017 Shoshana Rosé lends itself to a wide variety of pairings, as well as a good substitute for sparkling wine at the beginning of an event.

– Kale Anderson

Vintage Notes

The 2017 vintage was one for the record books. It will always be known for the intense fires in Sonoma and Napa counties that burned thousands of acres in October. In Sonoma County, the winter and spring rains leading into the 2017 growing season broke records, with the Middle Reach receiving over 57 inches of rainfall. The deluge of rain charged the soils, filled the reservoirs, and brought most of California out of a decade of drought. Bud break in mid-March was followed by elevated temperatures resulting in veraison in mid July. Long hot growing days in early August led to harvest coming abruptly in the middle of the month due to an intense heat wave. The 2017 growing conditions resulted in lower yields but very concentrated and high quality berries.

