



# Calstar Cellars

## 2022 Rosé of Pinot Meunier

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

### Appellation Profile

Sonoma County's Russian River Valley, in 2022, continued to embrace its reputation for microclimatic diversity. Limited rainfall, early season frost, a warm spring, and early summer didn't deter the region's commitment to producing high-quality grapes. Indeed, while yields may have been lighter than average, the fruit quality was remarkable. This smaller yield resulted in enhanced concentration and flavor in the Pinot Meunier grapes, which thrived in the cool mornings and warm, fog-laden evenings, leading to extended ripening and the preservation of acidity.

### Winemaker's Notes

In the glass, the 2022 Rosé of Pinot Meunier shimmers with an enticing hue of radiant, pale pink reminiscent of a summer sunset. On the nose, the wine presents an enticing blend of tropical and citrus fruit aromas, with papaya and green strawberry being particularly prominent. Subtle tones of key lime join these fruity notes and rose petals, while an undercurrent of wet river rock and lemongrass adds complexity and a sense of place.

The wine strikes a harmonious balance on the palate between vibrant, juicy berry ripeness and the laser-sharp, refreshing acidity that the Russian River Valley is famous for. This acidity is accompanied by a steely minerality and dry extract roundness, creating a wine that is both delightfully dry and refreshingly crisp.

The initial burst of fruity flavors gives way to a distinct grapefruit skin finish, satisfying each sip's conclusion and enticing the taster to delve back in for more. This enticing complexity of the Rosé of Pinot Meunier exemplifies what the Russian River Valley can achieve with lesser-known varietals.

As a food-friendly bottling, this wine is a perfect pairing for a wide range of dishes, from fresh salads and grilled seafood to charcuterie and creamy cheeses. Despite its immediate appeal, the 2022 Rosé of Pinot Meunier is also expected to evolve gracefully over time, showcasing the continued potential of the Pinot Meunier grape in this region.

#### AVA

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

#### HARVEST DATE

09-21-2022

#### FINISHED PH

3.25

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6.95

#### ALCOHOL

13.5

#### FERMENTATION PROGRAM

80% Stainless Tank, 20% in neutral  
bbl. Dry with no Malo/Lactic  
Fermentation

#### CASES PRODUCED

90

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