

# ROCO WINERY

## 2018 RMS BRUT ROSÉ



### ABOUT THE RMS BRUT ROSÉ

Having founded Oregon's first sparkling wine production facility, Argyle Winery, it's only natural that Rollin would bring his 30+ years of sparkling expertise to ROCO. After releasing ROCO's first vintage RMS Brut three years ago, this vintage Brut Rosé is the next elegant step in ROCO's sparkling wine program. During his 27+ years with Argyle, Rollin crafted some of the most highly acclaimed New World sparkling wines, which made Wine Spectator's Top 100 wines three times, proof that he has mastered the sophisticated craft of fine *Méthode Champenoise*. Rollin's vision has become a reality as the world continues to discover that the Willamette Valley's cool, maritime climate is indeed ideally suited to world-class sparkling wine production.

### THE METHÔDE CHAMPENOISE PROCESS

Ripe but high acidity wine grapes of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are gently and slowly pressed. The heart juice of the grape berry is collected and fermented in small French Oak barrels to produce a tart still wine. Then, in late winter, this wine is given a small, precise amount of sugar with a sparkling wine yeast. Pushed into a capped Champagne bottle, a second fermentation ensues for about four weeks. The bottles of wine, yeast, and lots of bubbles are then aged in cool storage for 2.5 years. Next, the wine bottles are riddled, or shaken and turned upside down, causing the yeast residue to collect behind the crown cap for removal. Once the yeast is removed, or disgorged, a carefully calibrated "dose" of a few milliliters of a rich wine and sugar mix is added to each bottle prior to corking and wire basketing. The result is delicious sparkling wine. Cheers!

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

"This deeply coral colored Sparkling Rose is 100% Pinot Noir. Its fresh aromas have you remembering wild Seascape strawberries and freshly baked crabapple tartlet that is lifted on a thread of rose petal and then a delicate layer of tangerine citrus. In the mouth you'll notice rich, ripe strawberry and baked cherry pie crust. Then imagine dried, salted Li Hing Mui Chinese red plums and candied orange peel. The nice mineral acidity comes with hints of lime citrus. This wine has a rich middle palate that leads to a lovely long finish. What an "enthusiastically" tasting Sparkling Wine!"

- Rollin Soles, Winemaker

**VARIETALS:** 100% Pinot Noir

**APPELLATION:** Willamette Valley AVA

**VINEYARDS:** Madrona Hill Vineyard and Wits' End Vineyard

**TIRAGE:** 30 months

**ALCOHOL:** 12.5%

**PRODUCTION:** 200 cases disgorged

**RETAIL:** \$65