



## 2015 SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR ROSÉ

### *The Wine Odyssey*

**“Presqu’ile Winery delivers its Burgundy vision”**

**“Presqu’ile is the California winery I’ve been waiting for.**

In 2007, Matt Murphy and his parents, Madison and Suzanne, purchased 200 acres in California’s Santa Maria Valley, ending a year-long search of vineyard sites that extended from Oregon to Santa Barbara County. They named their new wine estate Presqu’ile (press-KEEL).

While many wine drinkers think of rosé as a warm-weather wine, I like it anytime. And you might, too, after tasting the **2015 Presqu’ile Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**. Made from pure pinot noir, it brightens a winter’s day with its copper color, and appealing orange, tangerine and lemon-y fragrance. The pleasure of summer’s fruits are captured in the strawberry and cranberry flavors lifted with a steam of acidity that is refreshing and long lasting. **93 points.”**

-John Foy, December 15, 2016

### *WineSpeed*

**“Wine of the Week: The Best Rosé in California”**

“So far this year, after tasting hundreds of rosés from around the world, **I think this 2015 Presqu'ile is the best rosé in California**. It's refrigerated sunlight. Salty sea spray. Asian spices. Strawberry stardust. Flashing minerality. While most good rosés are delicious, the Presqu'ile is something wholly more: delicious, sophisticated, and capable of exciting your *mind* as much as your palate. And all for \$20. (The winery's name, Presqu'ile, is southern Louisiana vernacular for ‘near the island’).” **92 Points**

-Karen MacNeil, May 2016

### *Vinography*

“This week included a couple of wines from **some favorite producers** down in Santa Barbara County.”

**2015 Presqu’ile Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**

“Palest ruby in color, this wine smells of watermelon rind, pink grapefruit, and wet stones. In the mouth, wet stones, unripe berries and watermelon rind have a snappy quality thanks to excellent acidity. Nice finish.”

**Around 9 out of 10 Points**

-Alder Yarrow, May 2016

### *Wine Enthusiast*

**“This is a stunner** because it shows such minerally depth, which many strive for but few achieve on a pink wine. The classic shade of pink gives way to bubblegum, lime juice, orange rind and smashed raspberry aromas. The zesty, vibrant lime juice acidity cuts right through plum fruit, but it’s the graphite and chalky tension that wins the palate.” **Editors’ Choice, 91 Points: Excellent; Highly recommended**

-Matt Kettmann, October 2016

### ***Wine Review Online***

“A delightfully subtle nose and soft entry fool you into thinking that there isn't much going on in this wine – and then the flavor pops you right in the kisser. Mild floral and strawberry aromas only hint at what's coming, and what's coming is a racy mix of strawberry, watermelon and citrus with touches of white pepper and leaf, carried on a silky wave and finishing long and bright. Let this one warm up a touch when you take it out of the chiller for full enjoyment.” **91 Points**

-Rich Cook, July 2016

### ***Wine Review Online***

#### **“Rosé Wines Continue to Gain Popularity”**

“Rosé wines are now better than ever. Especially U.S.-made rosé wines. Rosés made from Pinot Noir are a particular favorite of mine because I love this grape variety.”

#### **2015 Presqu'île Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**

“Santa Maria Valley, in Santa Barbara County, is one of the great vineyard sites for Pinot Noir. **Presqu'île, known for its Pinot Noir wines, is making a super Pinot Noir rosé.**”

-Ed McCarthy, July 2016

### ***Beverage Journal***

#### **“Pink in Place: Rosé wines are here to stay—be ready to sell them all year”**

“Some remarkable rosés are now being made in the U.S. For me, two stand out—one from California and one from Long Island. **Presqu'île**, a fairly new winery making wines in Santa Barbara County's Santa Maria Valley, already has received acclaim for **making one of California's top rosés**, all Pinot Noir; it has floral aromas and berry flavors, and represents excellent value at \$20.”

-Ed McCarthy, October 2016

### ***Wine Business Monthly***

#### **“Hot Brands of 2016”**

#### **2015 Presqu'île Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé – “Finding the Right Freshness in Rosé”**

“The Murphys have long been fans of some of the best Pinot Noirs in the world—from those made in the illustrious Old World Burgundy region, to the (relatively) new Californian wines. The attraction to the grape is based on a lure toward wine with freshness, and the family found that Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noirs are much preferred. Presqu'île Winery was formed on the basis of creating the best cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that California could offer.

When the vineyard was ready to produce wine-worthy grapes in 2010, the team at Presqu'île found that there were a few blocks in the front section of the property hanging heavier and yielding much more fruit than anticipated. They decided to try to make a fresh, fruit-forward Rosé with the additional fruit—a decision that turned out well for the winery, recently named the **best Rosé in California** by Karen MacNeil.

That intention, at least for Presqu'île Winery, is a finished wine that is bright, fresh and crispy clean.”

-Erin Kirschenmann, February 2017

### ***Nob Hill Gazette***

#### **“In The Pink”**

“Excellent rosés are exciting, delicious, festive and pleasing to the eye—as well as great values. Good rosé wines are versatile because they combine the tasty features of a red with the delicate qualities of a white. A fine glass of rosé pairs well with so many foods, it's no wonder the wine has long been popular in Spain and in France. Fortunately, thanks to California's world-class rosés, the wine's popularity in the States is growing exponentially. The best rosés are fruity, fragrant, full-bodied, cold, crisp and bone dry. In a word: yummy.”

#### **2015 Presqu'île Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**

“Light bodied, charming and delicate. A fine sipping wine.”

-Ed Schwartz, September 2016

### *805 Living*

#### **“Today’s Rosés”**

“The following bottles are just a few of the growing number of Central Coast rosés available. All are **examples of the high levels of craftsmanship it takes to make pink wine taste divine.**”

#### **2015 Presqu’île Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**

“Made from pinot noir and aged six months in stainless steel, this features a ripe, firm structure; it’s fruity but restrained through the mid-palate, with a nice watermelon-y finish. The tangy acidity makes it a good choice to serve with crab cakes and other seafood dishes.”

-Anthony Head, July/August 2016

### *Santa Barbara News-Press*

#### **“Presqu’île: From the ground up”**

“When the Murphys, a Louisiana-based farming family, started looking around the West Coast for the ideal spot for growing world-class pinot noir, the Santa Maria Valley ended up in their bull's-eye. Presqu'île (Creole for ‘almost an island’), is an unqualified success. The grapes tend to be picked earlier, resulting in lower alcohols, which, in turn, means better and more enjoyable drinkability. Now with a proven track record, Presqu'île just may be **the template for future Santa Barbara County wine growing and winemaking.**”

#### **2015 Presqu’île Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**

“Pale crimson in color, **this beauty** has a nose of strawberry and minerals. Strawberry, watermelon and sour cherry on the palate, the latter lending a sense of tanginess and piquancy to the proceedings. Crisp, dry and tangy with salinity and minerality woven into the fabric of the fruit flavors. It also displays some heft and intensity in the form of a hard candy crunch that's sustained to the finish. No wimpy rosé here.”

-Dennis Schaefer, August 2016

## **2014 SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR ROSÉ**

### *Restaurant Wine*

#### **“Wines & Wineries to Watch”**

“**An excellent rosé** : medium bodied, finely flavored (plum, lemon, rose petal, cherry), round, well balanced, and long on the finish. Fine value.” **4+ Stars: Excellent quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended**

-Ronn Wiegand, August 2015

### *Edible Santa Barbara*

“Rosé wines with bright acidity offer a refreshing counterpoint to spicy foods,’ Cameron explained. Both the **2014 Presqu’île Pinot Noir Rosé** and...demonstrated **beautiful natural vibrancy**, while also offering juicy fruit flavors.”

-Laura Sanchez, Winter 2015

### *Gambit Weekly*

#### **“Wine of the Week”**

“Presqu'île is a small family-run winery in Santa Barbara County, California's **Santa Maria Valley, an area increasingly recognized for the quality of its wines.** The valley runs at a right angle to the ocean, which funnels cooling maritime breezes inland. Consistent sunshine and an annual average temperature of 64 degrees fosters a long growing season. The hilly terrain at Presqu'île's 200-acre estate has sandy loam soils, which hold very little water, encouraging the roots to dig deep, and vines to yield small berries in tight clusters. After pinot noir clone 777 grapes are pressed, skins and juice are allowed brief contact, and fermentation occurs with native yeasts, followed by six months in stainless steel tanks. In the glass, the wine offers aromas of cranberry, raspberry, other red berries and citrus zest. On the palate, taste watermelon, strawberry, blood orange, a hint of spice, subtle tannins, **nuanced minerality and bright acidity.** Drink it as an aperitif or with salads, sushi, chilled soups, barbecue, fried chicken, red beans and sausage, smoked and cured meats and cheeses.”

-Brenda Maitland, August 2016

*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*

**“Picking the Best Wine for Those Summer Salads”**

**The Splurges: 2015 Presqu’ile Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir Rosé**

-Lorri Hambuchen, July 2016

## **2012 SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR ROSÉ**

*Wine Advocate*

**“An impressive rose** that’s made all from Pinot Noir, the 2012 Rose gives up classic, Provencal notes of wild strawberry, orange rind and spice to go with a fresh, crisp and deliciously dry finish. **Beautifully made**, it’s worth seeking out. Drink now.” **90 Points: An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character.**

**In short, these are terrific wines**

-Jeb Dunnuck, August 2013