

## 2018 Smith Story Wine Cellars

### Rose of Pinot Noir, Rheingau, Germany

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100% of the production is done in Germany. The pinot noir grapes are grown, picked, pressed then fermented and aged in 100% stainless steel until ready for bottling. Wine is bottled, labeled and packed in 12 bottle boxes then imported to the USA by Eric Story Selections.

700 Cases / Alc12%

#### **Our 2018 Rosé of Pinot Noir:**

Our rosé of Pinot Noir that is hand-picked, direct pressed at our partner winery in the Rheingau region of Germany is always a crowd favorite. Refreshing, bright and full of crushed red cherries both on the aroma and palate.

2018 Vintage Report, by The German Wine Institute: With the onset of “golden October” in the Rheingau, many winegrowers had just about finished picking. This year they had begun four weeks earlier than usual thanks to the hot summer 2018, which did not quite reach the highs of 2003 but nonetheless beat previous records of the last century of 1947, 1994 and 1976. The drought, which incidentally caused relatively few problems in most vineyards, prevented infestations from fungus diseases and the dreaded cherry vinegar fly. “It was simply too hot for the pests,” explains viticultural consultant Berthold Fuchs. Extensive irrigation support was however necessary for the young vines. Indeed drought-stress posed the greatest threat for wine quality, but the vines still produced an abundant number of clusters, resulting in a large harvest volume estimated at 285,000 hectolitres compared with 210,000 hectolitres the previous year.

Fortunately, the quantity of the 2018 vintage also kept pace with the quality, which is excellent thanks to the perfect health and maturity of the grapes. “An outstanding vintage”, said viticultural consultant Berthold Fuchs. This applies not only to Riesling but also to the region’s Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir), which is proving to be particularly intensely-coloured and concentrated.

**\$20 SRP**

