



## ROSÉ - 2016

### Technical Info

Vineyard	Blind Creek Vineyard Cawston, Similkameen Valley, BC, Canada
Variety(ies)	Cabernet Franc
Alcohol	13%
Harvest Date	September 12, 2016
Production	196 cases
Style	Dry
SKU	796979
UPC	6 26990 19166 7
Price	\$21.65 (+tax & deposit) (\$19.25 whsl, \$21.69 Hosp)

### Tasting Notes

A crisp, refreshing, dry and savoury rosé. The nose shows juicy red fruit like strawberry, red berries, some orange zest, spice and savoury dried herb notes. The palate is dry, crisp and refreshing with bright red fruit, some savoury lees texture and complexity and a long finish with stony mineral notes that speak of the Similkameen Valley.

### Vintage & Production

The 2016 season was ideal for grapes. It started early and looked like it would be too hot for top quality before a cool July slowed ripening and allowed a long growing season developing intense flavours and aromas. Harvest took place mid-September with the Cabernet Franc grapes harvested specifically for rosé. Harvest date is key for this wine as we want to get both fruit ripeness but also keep some of the dried wild herb notes that is a feature of Cabernet Franc and gives this wine a fresh, savoury note. The grapes were foot trodden and left to macerate for four to seven hours on the skins before gentle pressing. The wine was then fermented in a combination of old, neutral barrels and a stainless steel tank and then left to age on its lees for nearly six months before bottling in late June 2017.

### About Little Farm Winery

Little Farm Winery is the small hands-on operation of Rhys Pender MW and Alishan Driediger. It started with a passion for wine and developed into growing and producing chardonnay and riesling from their Mulberry Tree Vineyard at their home in Cawston, BC in the beautiful Similkameen Valley. A dry Rosé and Cabernet Franc from Blind Creek Vineyard were added later. The goal was always to make wines with minimal manipulation and intervention that really capture the vineyard site and each year's unique growing season. The vines were planted in 2009 on the calcium carbonate rich soil, braving the unforgiving Similkameen sun and wind. The first wines were made in 2011. Total production in 2016 was 1,000 cases. Little Farm winery will never be big and will always focus on making small batches of single-vineyard wine that reflect each site's unique characteristics. The goal is to make interesting, characterful, natural-ish wines and look after our little farm.

Rhys Pender MW, Wine Grower

Alishan Driediger, Winemaker

