



## ROSÉ - 2015

### Technical Info

Vineyard	Blind Creek Vineyard Cawston, Similkameen Valley, BC, Canada
Variety(ies)	Cabernet Franc
Alcohol	12.5%
Harvest Date	August 31, 2015
Production	160 cases
Style	Dry
SKU	796979
UPC	6 26990 19166 7
Price	\$24.90 BC Retail (\$19.25 Whsl, \$21.69 Hosp)

### Tasting Notes

A crisp, dry, savoury and refreshing rosé. The nose combines red plum, strawberry, dried herbs, baking spices, savoury lees and orange zest. The palate is dry, crisp and lively with a nice mid-palate texture from ageing half the wine on the lees in old neutral barrels. The long finish shows the typical stony minerality that is the hallmark of the Similkameen Valley.

### Vintage & Production

The 2015 season got off to an early start, nearly a month ahead of normal. As a result, it led to a corresponding early harvest at the end of August. It was an ideal season allowing harvest at the ideal balance of flavour, ripeness and acidity. The crisp, dry style of rosé is inspired by the wines of the Mediterranean. The grapes, though, are 100% Cabernet Franc sourced from Cawston's Blind Creek Vineyard a little over a kilometre from Little Farm. 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. Half of the grapes were whole cluster pressed while the other half were foot trodden and left to macerate for four to seven hours on the skins before gentle pressing. The wine was then fermented to dryness 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 May 2016.

### 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. 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 2015 was 600 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