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**Appellation:** 100% Arroyo Seco, Monterey  
**Varietal Content:** 100% Pinot Noir  
**Winemaker:** Karl D. Wente  
**Alcohol:** 14.1 %  
**pH:** 3.27  
**Total Acid:** 0.64 g/100ml

**Vineyard:** Wente Vineyards has been growing Pinot Noir in the Arroyo Seco region of Monterey since the 1960s. It is the ideal region to grow this Burgundian varietal because of the long, cool growing season, which allows the grapes to fully ripen and develop deep fruit flavors. The gravelly-loam soils found there, rich with shale and limestone deposits, impart desirable earthy and mineral qualities to the wine. There are several blocks dating back to 1963, which are planted with the old Pommard and Martini clones. Neighboring these are much more recent, high density plantings, which are planted with a variety of new clones. All of the fruit is handpicked and sorted at harvest time in order to ensure premium quality.

**Fermentation:** Primary fermentation was completed in stainless steel tank and did not undergo secondary fermentation.

**Aging:** After fermentation, the wine was aged in neutral oak barrels for six months.

**Description:** This lovely Rosé has a brilliant watermelon color, and flavors of raspberry, melon, orange peel, mineral and honeysuckle. With a crisp, lingering fruit finish, this wine will exceed your expectations of a dry Rosé.

**History:** Founded more than 125 years ago, Wente Vineyards is the country's oldest continuously operated family-owned winery. Owned and managed today by the Fourth and Fifth Generations of the Wente family, the winery draws from nearly 3,000 acres of estate vineyards in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Arroyo Seco, Monterey winegrowing regions to make an outstanding portfolio of wines.

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