

# 2015 Dry Rosé

RTR Estate Vineyard



red tail ridge winery

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*Red Tail Ridge is a boutique winery located in the heart of the Finger Lakes on the western shore of Seneca Lake. We specialize in limited production cool climate wine grapes.*

**Vintage Notes:** February 2015 was one of the coldest on record. Our Pinot Noir yields were reduced because of this, and it looked to be a void year for Rosé...but, we had an epiphany walking through the vineyard after harvest. Because of the cold damage, we lost some primary buds in our estate reds; so these vines decided to push some second crop...or what we like to call "Christmas Clusters/Berries." The frost usually occurs before these clusters reach full maturity and the vine shuts down before berries are completely ripe. But we were lucky in 2015, with still no frost as November approached. So during the last few days in October, we went out and picked every Christmas cluster we could find in the estate vineyard: Pinot, Dornfelder, Lagrein, Teroldego and Blaufränkisch; a field blend of reds for Dry Rose.

**Tasting Notes:** On the nose this wine has whiffs of spicy pink pepper, cranberry, rhubarb, and orange peel. Bright raspberries and tangerines on the palate with more cranberry, stoniness and bits of mint. Nice mouthfeel finishing with the acidity of fresh limes.

**Winegrowing:** RTR Estate Vineyard. First planted in 2005.

**Elevation:** Between 580-675 feet. Seneca Lake's Elevation: 443 feet.

**Soil Type:** From various locations- Calcareous soil types throughout vineyard: Aurora and Honeoye. The front block is more clay based while the back block consists of siltstone and glacial till with high pH.

**Viticulture Notes:** Trellis-VSP. Shoot thinning and leaf pulling.

**Winemaking:**

**Harvest Date:** Hand Harvested on Oct. 25th, 26th and 27th 2015

**Processing Points:** Fruit was kept at constant cool temperature before processing. Whole cluster pressed and direct to press. Fermented in stainless steel tank. Unfined (Vegan-friendly), filtered prior to bottling.

**Aging:** Stainless steel tanks, aged on light lees.

**Wine Details:**

**pH:** 3.61

**TA:** 8.72 g/L

**ALC:** 12%

**Produced:** 49 cases



*Michael J. Jones*