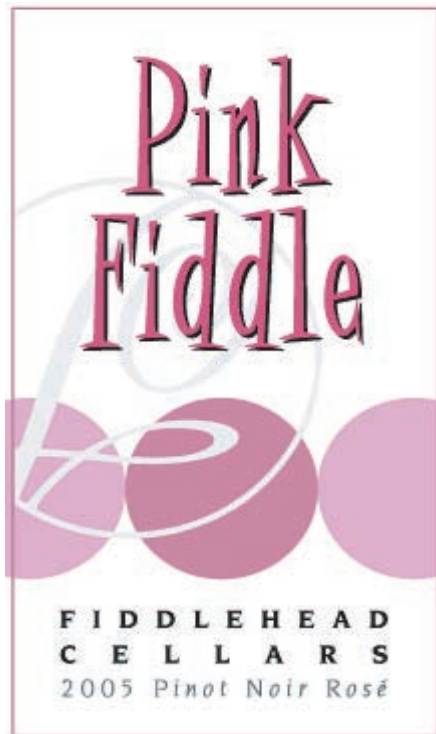


Pink Fiddle

2005 PINOT NOIR ROSÉ



KATHY'S CORNER

As with many families, there is always one sibling that has a mischievous nature. And so it is with our Fiddlehead family of Pinot Noirs; Pink Fiddle is the playful, lighthearted kid. Definitely a product of our Fiddlestix vineyard, Pink Fiddle dances across your palate as the first wine from 2005 with a personality that is both flirtatious and proper. I'm excited and pleased to be able to present our second vintage of this completely satisfying wine.

Pink Fiddle is an evolution of a moment – not a recipe or a “we’ve always made it that way” wine. There’s emotion, fun and excitement in every bottle. If a wine could have a twinkle in its eye – that would be Pink Fiddle!

I suppose that we first made Pink Fiddle because we make what we like to drink ourselves, and I think there is always a moment for an elegant dry rose’. Especially a rose of Pinot Noir. We’re thrilled that you think so too. We hope that you have as much fun drinking “Pinkie” as we did making it!

THE ESTATE VINEYARD- FIDDLESTIX

- 2005 - a picture perfect vintage! The rains in the early part of the year, and the meticulous farming by our **wine-loving vineyard managers**, Jeff Newton and Larry Finkle provided an environment that was a Pinot Noir paradise. **Perfectly balanced vines** of wood to fruit ratios produced grapes of exceptional quality and additionally blessed us with bountiful yields. Mark our words - this vintage will go down in history.
- The clay loam soils throughout Fiddlestix provided excellent drainage for the early rains of the year, and the grapes designated for Pink Fiddle responded with vivacious flavors. **Sustainably farmed**, Fiddlestix rewarded us with fruit that stylishly expresses **Santa Rita Hills' terroir**.
- We harvested the grapes for Pink Fiddle on September 22, 2005, and chose a mix of Dijon clones (113, 115 and 777) for **intensity and structure** coupled with our very classic and **elegant** Pommard clone 5. Truly a great representation of our beloved Fiddlestix vineyard!

THE WINE

- Applaud the pinkness of Pink Fiddle – this is Pinot Noir in its most playful mood! **Perfectly dry**, our delightful rosé is perky, playful, rambunctious and flirtatious. At the same time, “Pinkie” is **classic** and classy, traditionally crafted and layered with complexity.
- Gorgeous clusters of Pinot Noir from our Fiddlestix Vineyard were gently **whole-cluster pressed**; just enough to return a beautiful pink color and retain delightful fruitiness. **Cold fermented** in stainless steel to preserve its **vibrancy and zing**, and joined by 5% barrel fermented Pinot Noir for additional complexity.
- A wine that will play with your senses, our 2005 Pink Fiddle tempts with aromas of strawberries, while raspberries and **passionfruit** nuances linger on your palate. This wine's bouquet is exciting, its taste **enticing** and finish inviting. A wine to tickle your fancy!
- Don't hesitate to try Pink Fiddle with food – we love it with spicy, Asian dishes and/or roast turkey. Or, just sit back on a warm day with a cold glass of Pinkie and daydream the day away....

