



BANSHEE

## FOG LINE CLUB || SPRING 2020

*Greetings Banshee tribe,*

Spring is right around the corner and we are excited to shake off the winter blues. Drum roll please...the 2019 Rosé is here! This crisp and zesty Rosé will also be available in 1.5 Liter Magnum size, because let's be honest, you just can't have too much Rosé. Get ready to enjoy the essence of springtime in a glass!

On the flipside, to balance our pink beauty, we're featuring a selection of hard hitting reds in this shipment.

Bringing back a classic, the 2016 Marine Layer Pinot Noir is aging ever so nicely, so we wanted to share this special wine with our Banshees. This Pinot Noir is our crème de la crème blend of all our favorite Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir vineyards. Next up, our unique 2017 Mendocino County Carignan hails from a steep, rugged hillside vineyard overlooking Lake Mendocino. This rich and supple Carignan with big, strong tannins is ready to rumble now, but will age beautifully as well.

For all our Reds Only and Mixed 6 and 12 bottle option club members, we introduce you to our first ever Durrell Vineyard Pinot Noir. Welcome to the dark side of Pinot Noir. This dark and brooding beauty shows her coastal influence and hillside fruit characteristics with intense tannins, earthen undertones and lush dark fruit.

Drop on by the tasting room to say "hi", bring your friends or enjoy a glass of Banshee wine on your way to dinner. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Live long, drink wine and prosper,

*The Banshee Family*



*Marine Layer Pinot Noir ready to enjoy*



*Unicorns drink Banshee Rosé and read books*



*Mustard season in Sonoma County,  
February – March*

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### 2019 ROSÉ || MENDOCINO COUNTY

The McDowell Valley Vineyards are located to the southeast of Hopland in Mendocino County. These vineyards are nestled in the rugged Mayacamas Mountains and are perched on sloped bench land at elevations as high as 1,000 feet. The Rhône varietals grown here produce Rosé that is fresh and vibrant with quintessential coastal climate traits.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 48% Sangiovese, 25% Grenache, 16% Syrah, 8% Barbera, 3% Zinfandel

**VINEYARDS:** McDowell Valley Vineyards in Hopland, Mendocino County

**TASTING:** The 2019 Mendocino County Rosé is a lovely shade of pale salmon with aromas of rose water, salinity and fresh-picked strawberries. Bright flavors of juicy cantaloupe and honeydew melon are highlighted by a touch of Meyer lemon. Racy acidity and elegance are balanced perfectly in this dry, crisp Rosé.

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### 2017 PINOT NOIR || DURELL VINEYARD (All Reds Only, Mixed 6 & 12 bottle club selections)

Durell Vineyard is situated in rocky, volcanic soil, trisecting the Sonoma Valley, Sonoma Coast and Carneros AVAs. This vineyard is planted on eastern facing hillsides in well-drained Goulting Cobbly clay loam soil. Sitting in the heart of Sonoma, this site is exposed to both the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean influences to produce a combination of cool mornings, breezy afternoons and warmer days through the summer months.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARDS:** Durell Vineyard, Sonoma Coast

**TASTING:** "Luke, I am your father": Welcome to the dark side of Pinot Noir. This rich, deep Pinot Noir has aromatics of freshly tilled soil and crushed cranberries that lead to flavors of tart wild strawberries, black cherries and fruitcake. Like a coastal forest on a misty, foggy morning, this Pinot Noir is earthen, dark and brooding with intense tannins and a lingering finish.

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### 2016 PINOT NOIR || MARINE LAYER

This Pinot Noir combines our "All-Star" Pinot Noir vineyards in a dynamite blend! An absurd number of high quality vineyards like Grand Vent, Thorn Ridge and Whistler are the major players in this wine. Each vineyard provides unique characteristics that shine through in this harmonious Pinot Noir.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARDS:** Sonoma Coast: Several of our best vineyards including Grand Vent, Thorn Ridge and Whistler

**TASTING:** The Marine Layer Pinot Noir is full, focused and bursting with red fruits. Dried rose petal, black cherry, anise and baking spices dance across the palate like a ninja. It's juicy, graceful and balanced making it a killer food-friendly wine to enjoy now, but will also age beautifully.

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### 2017 CARIGNAN || MENDOCINO COUNTY

Our Carignan vineyard was fortuitously brought to our attention several seasons ago by our truck driver, Jose Castanon. During harvest Jose lured us with tales of his beautiful backyard vineyard lined with 40 year old organically farmed Carignan vines. This stunning vineyard grows in decadent red volcanic loam soil perched atop a ridge overlooking Lake Mendocino.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 100% Carignan

**VINEYARDS:** Castanon Vineyards in Redwood Valley, Mendocino County

**TASTING:** The 2017 Mendocino Carignan is a deep, inky magenta with woody manzanita and cigar box aromas. Rich flavors of mulberry and crispy pie crust with hints of bergamot and violet lead to a texture of fine, supple leather. A masculine, strong tannin backbone with a touch of habanero pepper on the finish, this Carignan finishes with a mustang kick!