# LONE BIRCH

2015 Rosè



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### Style:

This wine is handcrafted in a balanced, approachable style that showcases the quality of fruit from Washington State.

# **Vineyard Source:**

All of the Lone Birch Wines are sourced from fruit from our 950 acre estate vineyard located in the Yakima Valley. Our vineyard site offers a long 190 day growing season, which allows for slow, steady fruit maturation. The warm days and the cool nights provided by the high desert environment allow the vines to produce exceptional balance with ripe fruit flavors and plenty of natural acidity.

#### Vintage:

2015 was the warmest year we have had on record in Washington state, with above average temperatures throughout the growing season. The Yakima Valley saw over 3,150 Growing Degree Days, which was significantly higher than the long-term average. The warm temperatures led to an early bud break, bloom, and harvest occurring two to three weeks ahead of historical averages. The 2015 harvest began in mid-August, which was historically early for this region.

#### **Vinification & Maturation:**

The goals for this wine were fruit-focused aromatics and crisp acidity. This style is best achieved in a stainless steel tank to preserve fruitiness. The winemaking begins with a pre-sort to make sure only ideal clusters are vinified. After this, the grapes go straight to press as whole clusters. The juice is pumped to tank where it is settled for 48 hours before racking to a new tank to start fermenta-tion. Fermentation is started in tank and is kept at 60 degrees throughout fermentation. The wine is fermented to the desired dryness and then SO2 is added and the temperature is dropped to 40 degrees. After racking off of the yeast the wine is heat and cold stabilized. The wine is then filtered and bottled under screw caps at the end of May

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Color - Light Salmon

Nose - A delicate fruity, floral bouquet

Palate - Fruit driven palate with refreshing vibrant acidity, and a well-round mouthfeel.

Peak Drinking - Now through 2021.

## **Hand-Crafted By Winemaker:**

Marin 2 Mills

Enological Data:	
Alcohol	13.2%
R.S.	0.4%
T.A.	6.10%
Cases Production	1,100 cases

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