

# SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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**2020 My Friend's Orchard, Cole Ranch & Open Hand Ranch "This is Not Wine"  
Sparkling Apple Cider on Pinot Noir Skins**



**Grape(s):** Pinot Noir pomace, Apples, Rosé of Merlot

**Vineyard:** Cole Ranch, Occidental Orchards, Open Hand Ranch. Open Hand Ranch is a small, family-run organic vineyard and farm located in southern Mendocino. The old vines grow on eleven acres within a 100-acre property surrounded by oak trees and a diverse landscape of native plants and fruit trees. Open Hand Ranch grapes are hand-harvested and sold to various local winemakers for vineyard-designated releases.

**Method:** We had just pressed Pinot Noir from Cole Ranch and were feeling the creative juices flowing. We placed those Pinot skins in a fermenter, brought in some apples from Occidental Orchards, pressed them, and put the apple juice in with the Pinot Noir skins. The result was a beautiful pink apple cider which we pressed off of the Pinot skins and finished in 225L neutral French oak barrels.

At the end of harvest when the solids settled, we added unfermented rosé of Merlot must from Open Hand Ranch at 25 brix. We bottled the back-sweetened cider under crown cap during fermentation, which finished in bottle to give it a soft effervescence. As always, bottled unfinned, unfiltered with no addition of SO<sub>2</sub>.

**ABV:** 10.3%

**Case Production:** 142 Cases

**Bottling Date:** November 2020

**Release Date:** May 2021