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Niki's Pinot Noir Rose, Wente Vineyards, Arroyo Seco, Monterey CA, 2018: Wine tasting, review & rating

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Inspired by this wine: *Playing lively rock and roll and dancing outside in the sunny afternoon.*

Specs: This is Niki's Pinot Noir Rose, Wente Vineyards, Arroyo Seco, Monterey CA, 2018, finished at 13.5% alcohol and first sampled one year from vintage date, in February, 2019

By way of background: Niki's Pinot Noir Rose is a creation of viticulturist Niki Wente and her cousin, chief winemaker, Karl Wente. Made from a mix of pinor noir clones chosen from the estate vineyards in the northwestern corner of Arroyo Seco, the wine is made entirely in stainless steel. It saw neither oak nor secondary fermentation, ensuring a zippy acidity. Review sample was provided by the winery's representatives, Charles Communications Associates.

In the glass: Light peach with pink overtones. So delicate.

On the nose: Poured at chilled temperature and swirled vigorously, shows bright red berries and a touch of melon. From the sweet aromas, seems like this may possibly be fruity and just a bit round.

On the palate: The primary elements on the palate are in fact much more minerally and steely than the aromas suggest. Dry strawberries and red raspberries pull across your palate, bringing clean acids tight into your cheeks for a quite long, refreshing finish.

In summary: Overall, rates three stars with a plus for sleek sophistication on the five-star [Spirit of Wine scale](#).



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