

2018 Rosé of Grenache, MENDOCINO



TASTING NOTES

WHOLE CLUSTER PRESSED AND CRAFTED WITH PURPOSE FROM THE OUTSET, OUR ROSÉ OF GRENACHE SHOWS ROSY-LILAC IN THE GLASS, WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF LUSH FLORALS ON THE NOSE. THE PALATE OFFERS NOTES OF TART BING CHERRIES, RIPE RASPBERRIES, WILD STRAWBERRIES, AND EARTHY BERGAMOT. A DELICATE AND REFRESHING WINE WITH ENOUGH STRUCTURE TO EARN ITSELF A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE YEAR ROUND.

VINEYARDS

OWNED BY THE SAME FAMILY FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS, THE GRENACHE VINEYARD FOR OUR ROSÉ IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWESTERN FACING SLOPE ALONG THE TALMAGE BENCH EAST OF UKIAH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY. THE RUSSIAN RIVER FLOWS THE LENGTH OF THE UKIAH VALLEY, AND THE FERTILE FLOOD PLAIN OF THIS FAMOUS WATERWAY IS FLANKED BY MILES OF BENCHLAND. THE ROUGH, STONY, WELL-DRAINED SOILS HERE FORCE THE VINES TO STRUGGLE THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON, AND AS A RESULT, THE SMALL BERRIES DEVELOP CONCENTRATED AROMATICS AND FLAVORS.

WINEMAKING

WE MANAGE THE VINEYARD FOR OUR ROSÉ OF GRENACHE SEPARATELY FROM THOSE USED FOR OUR RED GRENACHE, GIVING US THE CONTROL THAT IS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE A ROSÉ WINE OF EXEMPLARY QUALITY. WE HARVEST THE GRAPES ONCE THEY HAVE ACHIEVED THE PERFECT BALANCE OF RIPENESS AND STRUCTURE, THE FRUIT THEN MACERATES ON ITS SKINS TO EXTRACT COLOR BEFORE BEING PRESSED OFF INTO A STAINLESS TANK FOR FERMENTATION.

WINEMAKER	SARAH VANDENDRIESSCHE
APPELLATION	MENDOCINO
HARVEST DATE(S)	9/20 & 10/16, 2018
BOTTLING DATE	1/24/2019
ALCOHOL	13.7%
BARRELS/AGING	STAINLESS STEEL

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