

2016 ELIZABETH SPENCER ROSÉ OF GRENACHE, MENDOCINO



APPELLATION: MENDOCINO
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% GRENACHE
WINEMAKER: SARAH VANDENDRIESSCHE

TASTING NOTES

This gorgeous, bright, medium pink wine leaps from the glass with a bountiful nose of crushed raspberry and ripened strawberry, orange zest and lilacs. The palate follows suite with redolent fruit flavors of cherry, guava, strawberry, and Honeycrisp apple. This is a classic, whole-cluster pressed Rosé crafted with purpose from the outset. Light and fresh enough to cool you down on a hot day, but rich enough to share the table with all of your summer cook-out fare. This is a must have for your Spring and Summer enjoyment!

VINEYARDS

Owned by the same family for nearly 100 years, the Grenache vineyard for our Rosé is located on a southwestern facing slope along the Talmage Bench east of Ukiah in Mendocino County. The Russian River flows the length of the Ukiah Valley and has been its defining landmark for eons. The fertile flood plain of this storied 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 exuberant flavors.

VINTAGE

Mendocino saw a near-ideal growing season in 2016. After 3 hard drought years, late winter and spring rains provided a much needed foundation for the vintage. A warm spring laid the groundwork for early bud break, and the growing season ran ahead of schedule all year. Low yields and perfect ripening weather created a lovely Grenache, a bit softer and more delicate, but more deeply colored than previous vintages.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked during the first week of September at the perfect balance of ripeness and structure. It was macerated on the skins for one day in order to extract pigment. We drained the light magenta juice to a stainless tank for fermentation. A portion of the finished wine was aged for five months in 30% neutral, or once used oak barrels with the balance in stainless steel.

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