

# QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS  
*Intentional wines, naturally.*

## 2018 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

### THE VINTAGE

One of the latest starts to harvest in the past 15 years resulted in a vintage that was compressed in half by September's heat which quickly brought early ripening varieties to full maturity. The late start and extra summer sunshine boded well for our traditional Mediterranean varieties planted on our Wine Creek Ranch estate.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

As we've done for the past 16 years when creating our Wine Creek Ranch Rosé, we handpicked fruit at varying times depending on the specific varietal's readiness and maturity as a component in Rosé. This labor-intensive approach gives us fruit that is intense in flavor and positively ripe. Each lot was cold-soaked, pressed, and vinified separately. A strict fermentation regime for this wine is key. "Cool," never cold, fermentation, no malolactic fermentation, and mixing both stainless steel and neutral barrels for fermentation and aging result in a pure, focused wine that perfectly reflects both its terroir and varietal makeup. Our winemaker then patiently waited until all the lots completed fermenting to ensure that each component's true character and contribution could be best evaluated and integrated into the final blend.

### THE WINE

Handcrafted in a dry Provençal-style, our Rosé intentionally fuses five different grape varieties to create a mouth-watering wine. Predominantly Grenache to provide aromatics and a perfumed nose. Syrah adds herbal notes without distracting from the fruit's purity. Counoise, a grape rarely used in California, contributes stunning magenta color tones plus seductive floral and red fruit characteristics. Mourvèdre brings a deep depth of fruit and complex spiciness that we find enthralling. Finally, Petite Sirah weaves in violet color and bright fruit. In the glass, aromatics of wild strawberry, watermelon, white pepper, herbes de Provence (naturally), tart cherries, white grapefruit, rhubarb, and refreshing acidity at the finish to cleanse your palate. Perfect as an aperitif, try it with fried chicken, a salumi platter, dill Havarti, spicy Thai curry, roasted turkey, or popcorn drizzled with extra virgin olive oil.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

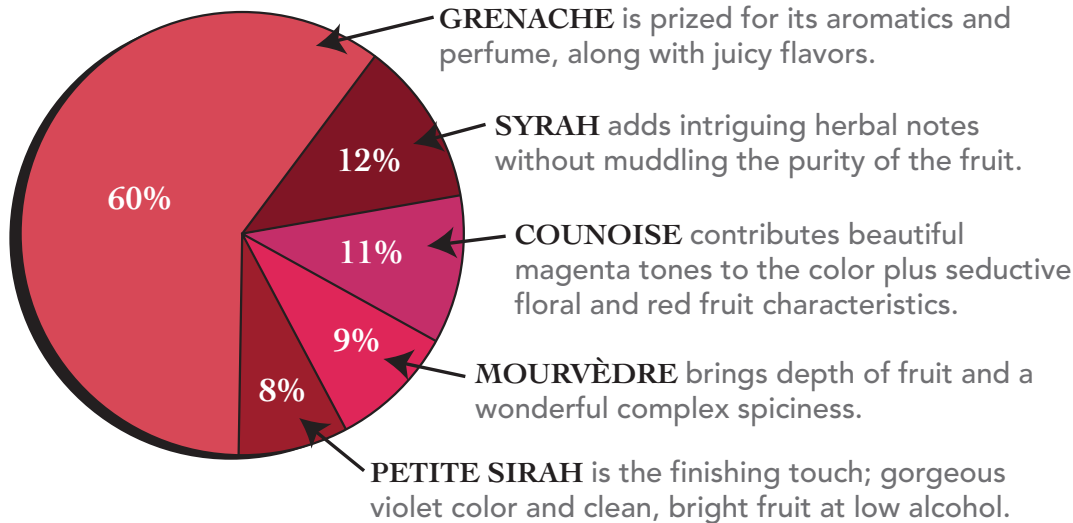
HARVESTED | BOTTLED..... September 2018 | January 16, 2019  
APPELLATION..... Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County  
VINEYARD..... 100% Wine Creek Ranch, Quivira's CCOF-certified organic estate vineyard  
COMPOSITION..... 60% Grenache, 12% Syrah, 11% Counoise, 9% Mourvèdre, 8% Petite Sirah  
FERMENTATION..... "Cool," not cold, fermented in both stainless steel and neutral French oak and Acacia barrels.  
AGING..... Aged on fine lees 4 months  
PRODUCTION..... 1937 cases  
STATS..... 13.3 % ABV | pH 3.30 | TA 0.59  
RETAIL PRICE..... \$22  
WINEMAKER..... Hugh Chappelle



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- ✓ ORGANICALLY FARMED
- ✓ SINGLE-VINEYARD
- ✓ ESTATE GROWN, PRODUCED, AND BOTTLED

### Consistently One of the Highest Rated Domestic Rosés



90 Points - 2018

91 Points - 2017

93 Points - 2016

91 Points - 2015

91 Points - 2014

### Wine Spectator

#### Treasure Hunt

"...unearth distinctive values..."

Keith Newton, Oct 2018

#### 12 Quaffable California Rosés

Aaron Romano, May 2018

