

2019 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

A labor of *amour*, our estate-bottled, single-vineyard, dry Provençal-style Rosé melds five distinct Rhône varieties to create one singular sensation that is seamlessly balanced, refreshingly crisp, and always hard to resist.

THE VINTAGE

Winter and spring were notable for above average rainfall with 49" on our estate. The balance of the growing season was mild with temperatures slightly below average. May's rain drove vigorous canopy growth and increased cluster weights demanding more attention from our vineyard crew. Luckily, all of our Rosé fruit was not only in before the October Kincade fire, but fully fermented and tucked away into sealed, full tanks and barrels.

WINEMAKING NOTES

As we've done for nearly two decades, we handpicked fruit at varying times depending on each varietal's readiness and maturity as a component for Rosé. This intentional approach gives us fruit that is intense in flavor, lower in alcohol, and with balanced acidity for Rosé, as opposed to red wine. There is 0% saignée (bleeding red wine tanks at higher sugars) as we do not feel this yields the highest quality and is not how the world's finest Rosés are crafted. Each lot was cold-soaked, pressed, and vinified separately. Cool, never cold, fermentation, no malolactic fermentation, and mixing both stainless steel and neutral barrels for fermentation and aging results in a pure, focused wine that perfectly reflects its terroir and varietal makeup. We waited until all the lots completed fermenting to ensure that each component's character and contribution could be best evaluated and integrated into the final blend.

THE WINE

Our Rosé deftly fuses five grape varieties to create a mouth-watering wine. The 2019 vintage has a gorgeous soft pink coral hue. Grenache is the anchor providing aromatics and a highly perfumed nose. Syrah adds herbal notes. Counoise, a grape rarely used in California, contributes magenta color tones plus seductive floral and red fruit characteristics. Mourvèdre brings a deep depth of fruit and complex spiciness that we find entralling. Petite Sirah weaves in violet color and bright fruit. In the glass, you'll be mesmerized by notes of cranberry, rhubarb, raspberry, red currant, watermelon, black pepper, Texas Ruby Red grapefruit, strawberry, and a thirst-quenching acidity in the finish to cleanse your palate. Perfect on its own, try it with salad Niçoise, red beet risotto topped with goat cheese, chorizo scramble, oysters, green salad with avocados and pine nuts, or Rochetta cheese.

TECHNICAL NOTES

HARVESTED | BOTTLED.....September 18 – 27, 2019 | January 23, 2020
APPELLATION.....Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
VINEYARDS.....100% Wine Creek Ranch, CCOF-certified organic estate
COMPOSITION.....55% Grenache, 17% Counoise, 14% Syrah, 7% Mourvèdre,
7% Petite Sirah
FERMENTATION....."Cool", not cold, fermented in both stainless steel and
neutral French oak and acacia barrels.
BARREL AGING.....Aged on fine lees 4 months
PRODUCTION.....1118 cases
STATS.....13.3% ABV | pH 3.41 | TA 0.55
RETAIL PRICE.....\$22
WINEMAKER.....Hugh Chappelle

