

QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS
Intentional wines, naturally.

2020 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

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

THE VINTAGE

For the bulk, and most important parts, of the 2020 growing season, this was an exceptional vintage, with moderate crop loads and overall wonderful growing conditions. Due to our “intentional” approach to crafting this Rosé in the true Provençal-style, our grapes were picked quite early in 2020 to best balance alcohol potential, acidity, and fresh, bright aromas and flavors. During the blending process this year, the inclusion of small percentages of our Primitivo clone Zinfandel and Petite Sirah immediately stood out. While a very slight departure from past recent blends in composition, this is not the case at all in aroma, flavor, or our signature seamless balance where vibrant red fruit reigns supreme alongside low alcohol coupled with crisp natural acidity.

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. 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

Visually stunning this year, there is a slightly less orange, or salmon, hue and a bit more magenta and violet, though still classically “light” in color overall, signifying a gentle extraction and hinting at the quaffable and thirst-quenching character that awaits on the palate. While Grenache is again the anchor, at 77%, the inclusion of Primitivo and Petite Sirah as the next most dominant varieties has yielded a truly beautiful color while in no way taking away from the gorgeous Grenache-driven aromatics. This year Grenache-centric strawberry fruit sits side-by-side with ripe nectarine and white peach, with the more typical grapefruit, rhubarb, and raspberry notes being subtle and nuanced. The palate has concentration, but is never heavy, with refreshing acidity and a seamless balance drawing you back for more. Should go well with all classic Rosé food-wine pairings, or just on its own.

TECHNICAL NOTES

HARVESTED BOTTLED.....	Late-August to mid-September 2020 / February 20, 2021
APPELLATION.....	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
VINEYARDS.....	100% Wine Creek Ranch, CCOF-certified organic estate
COMPOSITION.....	77% Grenache, 11% Primitivo, 8% Petite Sirah, 4% Mourvèdre
FERMENTATION.....	“Cool”, not cold, fermented in both stainless steel and neutral French oak and acacia barrels.
BARREL AGING.....	Aged on fine lees 5 months
PRODUCTION.....	1141 Cases
STATS.....	13.3% ABV pH 3.26 TA 0.55
RETAIL PRICE.....	\$25
WINEMAKER.....	Hugh Chappelle

