

QUIVIRA

VINEYARDS
Intentional wines, naturally.

2021 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

A true labor of love, our estate-bottled, single-vineyard, dry Provencal-style Rose melds five distinct varieties to create one singular sensation that is seamlessly balanced, refreshingly crisp, and always hard to resist.

THE VINTAGE

2021 was a season defined by drought by exceptionally low rainfall during the winter limited shoot growth, which ultimately reduced our crop size by close to 30%. The silver lining to low yields, though, is always greater concentration in the resultant small crop that is left. That was definitely the case in 2021 where both smaller cluster sizes, and smaller berry sizes, have given us a Rosé that is both "light on its feet" and absolutely packed with aroma and flavor. As always, farming for Rosé, and picking for Rosé, has resulted in a wine that is also low in alcohol 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

Once again visually stunning, and classically "light" in color, we have Grenache as the anchor at 70% of the blend, with Counoise and Mourvedre now back up to their normal levels. In the nose, Rhubarb, watermelon, and white peach are accented by subtle floral notes alongside hints of strawberry and just a wisp of black pepper. Super juicy and refreshing with bright, vibrant acidity and lingering red fruit that draws you back for more. As the wine warms up the Grenache-driven strawberry character becomes more prominent and is complemented by a wonderful texture that balances mid-palate richness with zippy, palate-cleansing acidity. A truly outstanding vintage for our Rosé and one that all fans of this wine will enjoy. Goes well with all classic Rosé food-wine pairings or just on its own!

TECHNICAL NOTES

HARVESTED BOTTLED.....	September 1st 2021 - October 15th 2021 February 8th, 2022
APPELLATION.....	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
VINEYARDS.....	100% Wine Creek Ranch, CCOF-certified organic estate
COMPOSITION.....	70% Grenache, 11% Counoise, 9% Mourvedre, 5% Petite Sirah, 5% Primitivo
FERMENTATION.....	"Cool", not cold, fermentation in both stainless steel, neutral French oak, and Acacia barrels (5% new).
BARREL AGING.....	Aged 4 months on fine lees in 76% stainless steel, 24% barrel.
PRODUCTION.....	1149 Cases
STATS.....	pH: 3.30 TA: 0.52 Alc: %13.1
RETAIL PRICE.....	\$25
WINEMAKER.....	Hugh Chappelle

