

# 2022 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé

DRY CREEK VALLEY | SONOMA COUNTY

**QUIVIRA**  
VINEYARDS  
*Intentional wines, naturally.*

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

2022 was a perfect growing season until triple-digit temps in late August pushed final ripening into overdrive. Thankfully, much of our Rosé material was picked, though some had to ride through. Once sunburned and shriveled fruit dropped, what remained was gorgeous and perfectly ripe. Yields were 30-50% below normal, albeit for different reasons than 2021. What is distinctive about 2022 is that normally lower percentage components play a larger role, with Grenache still holding center stage. Farming for Rosé, and picking for Rosé, has again resulted in a wine lower in alcohol with crisp, natural acidity.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

We handpicked fruit at varying times based 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. 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 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. In 2022, our Primitivo really shined, so its inclusion in the blend was increased and it complements Grenache's intense aromatics adding subtle citrus notes along with a lightly garnet-tinged color.

## THE WINE

Bright, yet subtle, salmon color with an attractive tinge of violet is the first hint that this a complex multi-varietal Rose. With this vintage, Primitivo steps up its contribution shifting upfront aromatics to an enticing mix of Ruby grapefruit, tart cherry, and rhubarb pie. Grenache clearly comes through on the palate where flavors are dominated by strawberry notes, mixed stone fruit, and then finishes with juicy, mixed citrus acidity. Counoise, Mourvèdre, and Petite Sirah play supporting roles in achieving the perfect balance. This is another outstanding vintage for this organically farmed (CCOF), single-vineyard, and estate-bottled wine. While always great on its own, our Rosé is shockingly versatile, especially with spicy foods, grilled salmon, salad niçoise, pesto, or charcuterie. While most enjoyable during its first year after release, our Rosé has an enviable track record of age-worthiness and will continue to evolve gracefully with good storage.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

HARVESTED | BOTTLED: August 22 - October 11, 2022 | February 9th, 2023

APPELLATION: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

VINEYARDS: 100% Wine Creek Ranch, CCOF-certified organic estate

COMPOSITION: 59% Grenache, 20% Primitivo, 10% Counoise, 6% Petite Sirah, 5% Mourvèdre

FERMENTATION: Cool, not cold, fermentation in both stainless steel, neutral French oak, and Acacia barrels (12% new Acacia).

BARREL AGING: Aged 4 months on fine lees in 70% stainless steel, 30% barrel

PRODUCTION: 948 cases

STATS: 13.3% ABV | pH: 3.29 | TA: 0.48

RETAIL PRICE: \$30

WINEMAKER: Hugh Chappelle

