

WINE CREEK RANCH | 2022

**Rosé**

DRY CREEK VALLEY

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

*“While always superb on its own, this Rosé is shockingly versatile, especially with spicy foods, grilled salmon, salad niçoise, pesto or charcuterie.”*

WINEMAKER HUGH CHAPPELLE



**CCOF CERTIFIED ESTATE VINEYARD**

► The 110-acre Wine Creek Ranch is home to 59 acres of vineyards that surround our winery and tasting room. The Mediterranean climate and well-drained soils are ideal for the Rhône varieties in this blend.

**VINTAGE**

► 2022 was ideal until triple-digit temps in late August pushed final ripening into overdrive. Thankfully, much of our Rosé material was picked. Once sunburned and shriveled fruit was dropped, what remained was gorgeous and perfectly ripe, with yields 30-50% below normal. What is distinctive about 2022 Rosé is that normally lower percentage components play a larger role here, while Grenache still holds center stage.

**WINEMAKING**

► Each varietal was handpicked at perfect maturity for Rosé, giving us fruit that is intense in flavor, lower in alcohol, and with balanced acidity. Lots were cold soaked, pressed, and vinified separately. Cool fermentation, no malolactic, and aging in both stainless steel and neutral barrels results in a pure, focused wine that perfectly reflects its terroir and varietal makeup. In 2022, our Primitivo really shined in the cellar, so its inclusion was increased, adding subtle citrus notes along with a lightly garnet-tinged color.

**TASTING NOTES**

► Bright, yet subtle, salmon color with an attractive tinge of violet is the first hint that this is a complex multi-varietal Rosé. With this vintage, Primitivo steps up its contribution shifting upfront aromatics to an enticing mix of Ruby Red grapefruit, tart cherry and rhubarb pie. Grenache clearly comes through on the palate where flavors are dominated by strawberry notes and mixed stone fruit, finishing with juicy, mixed citrus acidity. Counoise, Mourvèdre and Petite Sirah play supporting roles in achieving the perfect balance.

► 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.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

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

**HARVEST DATES**

► August 22-October 11, 2022

pH | TA

► 3.29 | 0.48

**ALCOHOL**

► 13.3%

**AGED**

► Aged 4 months on fine lees 70% stainless steel, 30% barrel

**PRODUCTION**

► 948 Cases

**PRICE**

► \$30

