

2019 Rosado

Napa Valley



Varietal Composition 59% Tempranillo, 16% Pinot Noir, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 6% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Grenache

Appellation Napa Valley

Harvest September/October 2019

Technical Data ALC: 13.9% by vol.; TA: 5.6 g/L; pH: 3.15

Cooperage 100% Fermented and Aged in Stainless Steel Tanks

Production 400 Cases

The 2019 Vintage

In 2019 conditions returned to those of a more "typical" vintage. Starting off with a slightly wetter winter than previous years and transitioning into what we consider characteristic Los Carneros weather patterns - morning fog and mild temperatures rolling into to spring. In May, we received some significant late rainfall that allowed us to pull back on irrigation. Throughout the spring we were granted moderate temperatures and perfect weather patterns for grape growing. Then summer came and differentiated the various growing regions and their respective micro-climates, each one expressing itself as independent as ever. We began harvest mid-August, beginning with grapes from our Estate vineyard, intended for the production of our sparkling wines. Shortly after, the first Pinot Noir grapes made their way to the winery. Mid-September to mid-October is when we saw the complexities weaving through the vintage, as more varieties reached their optimum point of maturity and were ready for harvest. In 2019 overall quality of the fruit was incredible, with white varieties allowed to retain the acidity and freshness we strive for, and red varieties developing their lusciousness and stoutness.

About The Vineyards

The majority of the fruit (85%) for this wine comes from the Napa Valley, with the remainder made up from various vineyard sources across Sonoma County highlighting the diversity of our growing regions. Tempranillo makes up the majority of this blend, and is suited to the warmer climate "up-valley" in Calistoga. Other vineyards across Napa Valley comprise the Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot, hailing from the Valley floor in Rutherford, all the way to the top of Atlas Peak. Using Pinot Noir from our Estate Vineyard allows us to compliment the warmer, more ripe style of Napa Valley fruit with our brighter, more cool climate style, to blend ripe fruit of the Valley with the fresh fruit and vibrant acidity that is the prominent characteristic of Los Carneros.

Winemaking

After hand-harvesting the grapes at night (to preserve freshness and fruit integrity), the fruit was delivered to the winery where it was de-stemmed but not crushed. Winemaker Ana Diogo-Draper cold soaked the berries in stainless steel tanks for only 1 hour - the goal was to obtain a minimum amount of skin contact time, in order to produce a Rose wine with delicate fruit flavors and aromas, while ensuring a delicate blush. This Rosé is made in the saignée (pronounced 'sonyay') method which involves the bleeding off, of a small percentage of the juice (anywhere from 5% - 20%), after limited contact with the skins, prior to fermentation. The fruit for this wine comes from lots intended for our Limited Release wines. Producing Rosé by this technique has the added benefit of creating a more concentrated wine for our red wines.

Tasting Notes

This vibrant rosado wine is made in a Spanish style to honor our heritage. This blend is stylistically driven by Tempranillo, adding luscious fruit and intense aromas, and is complemented by Malbec and Pinot Noir to exhibit structure and layered hints of stone fruit. This wine is fermented until completely dry with no residual sugar. On the nose it displays hints of passion fruit tea, fresh raspberry, and black cherry. The palate is lush and full, while the soft acidity opens your palate to flavors of sweet tangerine, pomello, and strawberry.