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ESTD. 1983

2021 Rosé of Sangiovese

Winner of the 2022 San Francisco Chronicle Sweepstakes award

Columbia Valley, Washington



VINTAGE

2021 was a hot one. When we look back from the comfort of days yet to come – we might trivialize this memory. “Yes, it was warm.” But how warm is warm? Well, on one day in particular, the other place in the US that was just as warm as the Columbia Valley was a place called Death Valley. It is of my understanding that they don’t grow a lot of grapes there.

Spring was early and warm – kicking things into gear sooner than we are generally accustomed, and it rolled straight into a *hot* summer. We relied upon the knowledge and hard work of our growers to keep the grapes alive through this unprecedented heat. Water regimens had to be locked in and canopies situated so that the grapes had a modicum of relief from the blazing sun.

Once we made it through summer, heat moderated and things were fairly straightforward through the end of harvest. It began early, we brought in Sagemoor Sauvignon Blanc on August 18th, the earliest opening day ever. We were fortunate to have a season that didn’t have any smoke concerns, rain events or freezes, and we were wrapping things up with a final load of Merlot on October 29th.

The intense heat contributed to smaller, more concentrated berries with less tonnage to go around – which in the end will make for some truly interesting, small lot wines. Reds will have a dense color and concentration. We were initially concerned about lacking acids in the whites due to heat – but those concerns no longer have merit thanks to the diurnal temperature shift we have in this region, cool nights saved the day and the acid. It was a year to ‘pitch a tent in the vineyard’ and taste/sample grapes early and often. Harvest by the calendar was not an option – and it was a year that proved our decision to locate the winery where the grapes are was a good one.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Harvested the week of September 16th 2021

Cool fermented in stainless steel to retain fruit intensity and minimize oxidation.

Bottled in February of 2022. Total production is 9,600 cases.

ACCOLADES

2022 San Francisco Chronicle Sweepstakes award: Best in Class

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully crafted, juicy, bright and flavorful. Bucket loads of strawberry, melon and pineapple flavors practically leap out of the glass. Dry with racy, vibrant acidity. Discover the amazing versatility of this refreshing, food-friendly Rosé.

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DETAILS

ABV | 12.9%
pH | 3.37
TA | .75
RS | .025g /100 mL
ML | None

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