

CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2023 ROSÉ

VINEYARD The Hendry vineyard lies on gentle, rocky slopes between 150 and 300 feet in elevation. The style and structure of our wines is moderated by our rocky soils, along with cool breezes and fog from San Pablo Bay. We have 114 acres under vine, and are able to grow a dozen different varieties due to the conditions here at the southern end of the Napa Valley. All of our wines are made exclusively from estate grown grapes.

WINEMAKING This is a dry rosé made from Zinfandel and Primitivo. As in 2022, this is also blend of saignée juice from Blocks 7 & 22 Zinfandel (96%) with a small addition of finished Primitivo from Blocks 10 and 24 (4%).

"Saignée" is the French word for the process of "bleeding," or draining off some of the still sweet, free-run juice during the early stages of red wine fermentation, when the skins are still in contact with the juice. This concentrates the phenolics (the colors, flavors and tannins) in the red wine that remains in the tank, resulting in darker, more intensely flavored wines. The small amount of color in the juice, absorbed from brief contact with the skins, produces a light pink, dry rosé that is perfect for year-round drinking.

Fermented entirely in stainless steel. A cool fermentation temperature of 50-59° preserves the bright fruit flavors. Though fruity, the wine is always fermented to dryness, with less than .3 g/l residual sugar. A small amount of finished Primitivo creates the final, rosy pink tone and full flavor in this wine.

NOTES Vivid medium-pink color. Our dry rosé is bright and fruity, with aromatic notes of raspberry and strawberry, lime-leaf and delicate rose petal. Light to medium-bodied. Plenty of acidity in the finish. Adding just a touch of finished Primitivo to the final blend adds to the body and structure, as well as the "looks-pinker-than-it-tastes" appearance. Grill, chill, sip! Try this with grilled zucchini sprinkled with feta, grilled shrimp, prosciutto pizza, vegetarian mains. Made for warm-weather drinking, but we enjoy it year-round. A flavorful, fruit-forward, juicy wine.

Alcohol 13.5% Cases produced: 467

TA: 7.4 VA: .35