



Our 2020 Rosé was made from a combination of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, and Counoise from the Windmill vineyard in the Dunnigan Hills, and Syrah grapes from the Hurley Vineyard in Napa Valley. Its citrusy aromas and clean flavors will complement the wonderful spring foods that show up on the table as the weather thaws (salads, rabbit, frittatas, peas, favas, green garlic...). Perfect for springtime holiday meals, or enjoying on the porch all summer.

Winemaking:

We grow the fruit specifically for rosé, which means that we keep the vines a little happier than for red wine, making plump juicy grapes that are vibrant and refreshing. To capture that zesty brightness, we harvest very early, barely past veraison, similar to the level of ripeness for sparkling wine. We capture the fruit when it is high-toned, crisp, and refreshing. Both vineyards are lovingly farmed organically.

We whole-cluster press the grapes, settle in a cold tank for 24 hours, then ferment and age the wine “sur lees” in stainless steel barrels. To preserve the acidity we prevent malo-lactic fermentation. We keep the barrels shut tight, no topping or stirring, and the wine is never racked, fined, or cold-stabilized, but since it is ML negative it is filtered before bottling.

The blend is approximately 45% Syrah, 35% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, and 5% Counoise.

3.43 pH, 5.67 g/l TA, 11.5% Alcohol. 1,930 cases produced.

The Vineyards:

Windmill Vineyard

Sergio Villanueva farms the Windmill vineyard for the owner Jeff Morgan under our direction and tutelage. He knows every vine practically by name, and carefully nurtures the vineyard with tremendous pride. The Windmill Vineyard is situated on pinkish gravelly alluvial soils in the Dunnigan Hills AVA of Yolo County. It is a hot climate, and the fruit ripens fast, allowing us to harvest ripe fruit at low sugar levels with balanced acidity, keeping the alcohol moderate and the texture soft and light. Certified Organic.

Hurley Vineyard

Sheri Hurley, with some equipment and labor help from us, lovingly tends her tiny Syrah vineyard at the base of the Silverado Trail in Napa Valley. The Hurley Vineyard is a tiny two-acre vineyard alongside the Napa River growing on cool clay soils, with morning fog and afternoon breezes that swoop in most days through the Golden Gate and across the San Pablo Bay. The fruit ripens slowly and retains tremendous acidity and citrusy freshness, and is the perfect foil to the soft and broad character of the fruit from the much warmer climate Windmill Vineyard. Certified Organic.