



2013 Napa Valley Rosé

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Our 2013 Rosé was made from a combination of Grenache, Syrah, Mouvedre, and Counoise from the Windmill vineyard in the Dunnigan Hills, and Syrah grapes from the Kahn Vineyard in Lovell Valley. With bright grapefruit and white peach flavors, it 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 whole-cluster pressed the grapes, settled in tank for 24 hours, then fermented and aged the wine sur lees in stainless steel barrels. To preserve the acidity we prevented malo-lactic fermentation. We kept the barrels shut tight, no topping or stirring, and the wine was never racked, fined, or cold-stabilized, but since it is ML negative it was filtered before bottling.

The blend is 36% Grenache, 28% Syrah, 26% Mouvedre, and 10% Counoise.

3.35 pH, the 6.3 g/l TA, 11.6% Alcohol. 1050 cases were made.

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, keeping the alcohol moderate.

Kahn Vineyard

Our steady assistant Jack Roberts decided to farm the tiny cool climate Kahn Vineyard in 2011. He borrows our equipment and takes care of it on the weekends. It's the first vineyard of his own, and his love and passion comes through in the wine. The Kahn Vineyard is a tiny one acre vineyard on a rocky and breezy stone outcrop overlooking Carneros and the San Pablo Bay. At 800 feet of elevation and no topography between it and the Golden Gate, it directly receives wind from straight off the ocean. The fruit ripens slowly and retains tremendous acidity. Napa Valley AVA, though you get to the vineyard from Sonoma.