

2020 NAPA VALLEY ROSÉ



Vintage:

IT WAS A WARM, DRY WINTER. WE DIDN'T BEGIN TO SEE RAIN OR COLD WEATHER UNTIL THE END OF MARCH. WHILE THE MILD SPRING SEASON GAVE US A GREAT EARLY START, THE WINERIES OF NAPA VALLEY WORKED UNDER EXTENSIVE SAFETY PROTOCOLS DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC. SUMMER BROUGHT VERY COOL MORNINGS AND VERY WARM DAYS. THIS BUILD-UP TO HARVEST WAS INTERRUPTED BY TWO WILDFIRES AS WE TURNED TO THE FALL; THE LNU COMPLEX FIRE STARTED ON AUGUST 17TH AND THE GLASS FIRE STARTED ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. THE WHITE WINE HARVEST STARTED IN EARLY AUGUST AND THE WINES ARE SHOWING EXCELLENT DEVELOPMENT IN CELLARS, REFLECTING THE FINE VINTAGE YEAR. WHILE THE RED WINE HARVEST WILL BE SMALLER THAN USUAL, MOST WINERIES WERE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RED WINE VINIFICATION. THE STORY OF THIS VINTAGE WILL CONTINUE TO UNFOLD OVER THE YEARS TO COME.

Vineyard:

THE SOMNIUM ESTATE VINEYARD SITS ON THE FLANKS OF HOWELL MOUNTAIN AT 1300 FEET AND FACES DIRECTLY WEST AND SOUTHWEST, BENEFITING FROM MAXIMUM SUN EXPOSURE. THE CABERNET SAUVIGNON FROM OUR ESTATE VINEYARD IS BLENDED WITH SYRAH AND MERLOT FROM VINEYARDS WITHIN THE COOMBSVILLE AVA.

Tasting:

AROMAS OF WHITE PEACH, SUN RIPENED PLUM, PEAR, AND ROSE PETAL. ON THE PALATE, ENJOY HINTS OF LEECHIE, STRAWBERRY AND TROPICAL NOTES, FOLLOWED BY A BRIGHT ACIDITY AND A SMOOTH, ELEGANT FINISH.

Composition:

70% CABERNET
SAUVIGNON, 20%
SYRAH, 10% MERLOT

Vinification:

STAINLESS STEEL, 4-MONTH
SUR LIES, CROSSFLOW
FILTRATION.

Winemaker:

JULIEN FAYARD

Cases Produced:

125

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