



A Tribute to Grace Rosé of Grenache, Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard 2017

Vineyard: Santa Barbara Highlands Vineyard

Varietal: 100% Grenache, Clone 2; Noir

Alcohol: 13.1% abv

Finishing pH: 3.30

Release date: March 1st, 2018

AVA: Santa Barbara County

Harvest Date: Sep. 15th & 18th (moon in Cancer, Virgo)

Élevage: 5 months in Tank Of Grace

Bottling date: February 21, 2018 (moon in Aries)

Total Production: 734 cases

In 2017 we added three rows from a neighboring block to bring a new dimension to our Rosé: two clonal selections harvested separately to bring aromatic complexity (of clone "Noir" to the lively vibrance of our beloved 'K1' Grenache (planted to clone 2). We also increased our tonnage, with a wondrous 12.7 tons to devote to our Rosé. Both blocks are farmed to around 5 tons per acre, the density both slows down the ripening curve, and maintains the pH - perfect for intentional Rosé. The early rains in 2016 brought a new depth to the fruit, resulting in layers of aniseed-like minerality.

Each block was picked separately; half of the clusters were de-stemmed, the other half foot-stomped. This alternating juice to skin ratio married for 24 hours, before being gently pressed to tank. A long, slow fermentation ensued over 53 days, after which she rested with her gross lees for 3 more moons. Secondary fermentation was halted to keep the wine's delicate aromatics and crisp acidity.

This wine was bottled under an Aries moon: February 21st, 2018

tasting notes: Nectarine blossom, starfruit, clove and star of anise