

2021 Sonoma County Rosé Wine

What a difference a year makes. Twelve months ago, we were spread very thin on the Rosé front. Because of the LMU Complex and Glass Fires, we brought in a much smaller crop than anticipated, and our Rosé production was impacted quite a bit. Luckily, last year's situation is not the case this year. We had a great yielding and an exceptional crop in 2021, and Donelan Rosé is back and better than ever.

This wine is always a fun one for us to put together. We love the free and easy nature of drinking Rosé (especially when paired with a heatwave and a swimming pool!), but it's also an exciting part of winemaking. Rosé is like a messenger for the vintage. It is the first wine from the vintage to go to market. And if this wine is indicative of the quality of the entire vintage, then we're in for a treat.

Our 2021 Rosé is a blend of Grenache, Syrah, Pinot Noir, and Mourvèdre. The presence of the four different grape varieties helps build complexity. This wine is bone dry and high in acidity with a prism of pink grapefruit and watermelon and a beautiful floral streak that gives wings to the aromatics. Our 2021 Rose will be a creature comfort this spring and summer. It's a wine that both embodies and begs for the outdoors. It's a frontrunner for sipping when lounging outside, but it's also serious enough for thoughtful food pairings. I'm a big fan of enjoying salty, zesty Tuna Crudo with this Rosé.

Cellar Notes

Bottling Date Composition

March 2022 43% Grenache, 28% Syrah

23% Pinot Noir, 6% Mourvedre

Production

419 cases Alcohol 13.4%

