

ROSÉ 2018



Syrah 67% / Merlot 33%
Syrah Clone 100 Côtes du Rhône, France /
Merlot Clone 181 Bordeaux, France

Alcohol	12.3%
Residual Sugar	0.9 g/L
Total Acidity	6.72 g/L
pH	3.36
Brix	25
Cases Produced	195
Released	2019
SKU	052186

Carved from stone, fuelled by sun, a vineyard like no other

Growing Conditions

A long, moderate growing season started on schedule, yet with warmer than average spring temperatures. Cooler summer temperatures led into particularly warm autumn days with cool evenings. The results: an early bud break, increased crop sizes and slow ripening that allowed the fruit to fully mature, with balanced acidity in whites and exciting flavour development for reds in this vintage. Harvest began right on time and picking went well, beginning with our harvest for Rosé in September through to our late reds in early November. Total heat units for 2018 at Vanessa were recorded at 1730.5 Growing Degree Days, similar to the previous year. However, the prolonged and mild 2018 growing season gives this vintage unique character and exceptional quality. Our Rosé grapes were picked September 20th and frost occurred on October 24th, 2018.

Terroir and Microclimate

Located high on a hillside overlooking the Similkameen Valley, Vanessa Vineyard's grapes are cultivated on 75 acres of sloping, well-drained, rocky terrain. The vines grow in rows of rocks, absorbing the day heat and imparting that warmth during the cooler nights. Planted in a west to southwest exposure, the rocky vineyard basks in the afternoon sun. Ideally situated, the vineyard benefits from a long growing season, with low yields of intensely ripe fruit. The unique stony site produces fruit with complex flavours and minerality that are truly distinctive.

Winemaking

The Rosé harvest is one of the most exciting times at Vanessa Vineyard as it is the beginning of our Harvest and the team is eager to pick. Our goal this year was a lighter, more delicate colour, so we were attentive to have minimal extraction from the skins. Whole cluster pressed, chilled and fermented slowly in stainless steel tanks with a proprietary yeast selection, this Rosé has been made at cool temperatures to fully enhance the fruit. Delicate colour, aromas and flavours reminiscent of Southern France embody the 2018 Vintage.

Flavour Profile

A 100% estate grown blend of 67% Syrah and 33% Merlot picked early to make a dedicated, fresh, dry Rosé. Pale pink in colour with a subtle but complex nose showing strawberry, raspberry, potpourri, red apple, orange zest and some dried thyme and sage notes. The palate is dry, medium-bodied, intense and fresh with crisp acidity and flavours running from dried herbs through tart strawberry and raspberry, orange zest, grapefruit, pepper and with some complex wet stone minerality on the long finish. Pair this with local charcuterie, pulled pork sandwiches, picnics or caprese salad.



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