

ROSÉ

Russian River Valley
Hill Family Vineyard

2022

The Hill Family Vineyard sits just south of the town of Healdsburg in the middle reach of the Russian River Valley. This area is the perfect place to make a vibrant and fresh Rosé. The warm days and cool evenings provide for easy ripening and preserve the natural acidity of the fruit.

Merlot is the obvious choice for this wine. The slow pace of ripening provides for a perfectly balanced grape chemistry for this Rosé. The fruit was hand-harvested during pre-dawn hours and partially crushed while being delivered to the press. It soaked for two hours to extract the light radiant pink color along with a hint of berry flavors. The juice was inoculated with Cross Evolution yeast and cool fermented to preserve the delicate fruit.

One will find aromas of pink grapefruit, carnation flowers, tangerines and a hint of minerality. The taste is mouth-filling with vibrant acidity and a racy finish.

- **Appellation:** Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
- **Varietal:** 100% Merlot clone 181
- **Alcohol:** 13.0%
- **pH:** 3.45
- **Titrateable Acidity:** 0.72 g/100 mls.
- **Production:** 170 cases

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