



2021 Rosé

Calistoga AVA, Napa Valley

So what do you do when you have a little extra, Cabernet and Merlot grapes that are calling out at you to make them into wine? Well, if you are producers of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and 100% Merlot varieties you have some FUN and make a Cabernet/Merlot Rosé for summertime drinking. That is exactly what we did; we produced a crisp, dry, fruit forward Rosé that is a perfect summertime wine with a beautiful color and bright red fruit flavors of raspberry and Strawberry.

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The growing season saw rain in January and February then almost no notable precipitation for the rest of the season. This provided an ideal environment for grapes to flower, bloom and set in early spring. Budbreak was early in April followed by flowering and bloom in May. The summer saw early and even ripening through the valley with no concerning heat spikes. Everything trended early thanks to the calm spring with veraison appearing in early July. Due in part to the drought, yields were naturally lower, resulting in less pruning and dropping of fruit in the vineyards.

It was one of the earliest starts to harvest on record. Harvest kicked off with clear skies and almost no weather events to worry winemakers. This allowed the grapes to hang as long as winemakers wanted to achieve optimal ripening and taste. Wineries took their time bringing grapes in. As if scripted, right around the time the last grapes came in, a late October storm brought much-needed rain to the Bay Area and set hopes for a wet winter ahead.

VINTAGE STATISTICS

BLEND	<i>63% Cabernet Sauvignon 37% Merlot</i>
HARVEST DATES	<i>September and October, 2021</i>
BOTTLING	<i>February, 2022</i>
ALCOHOL	<i>13%</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>125 cases</i>
RELEASE DATE	<i>April, 2022</i>