

BLUE ROCK

2023 Baby Blue Rosé Sonoma County



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Our 2023 Baby Blue Rosé is our only wine showcasing the combination of the Blue Rock Estate vineyard and our Gapstone vineyard. Pinot Noir, the primary variety, makes up 46% of the blend and we used the saignée technique of bleeding off juice soon after crushing our Gapstone Pinot Noir. This ensured vibrant aromatics, fresh acidity, low color and no tannin extraction. For the three varieties comprising 54% of the blend, we selected specific rows from our Blue Rock Estate and picked these grapes early when the flavors and acidity were elevated. Though somewhat untraditional varieties in rosé wines, Petit Verdot, Syrah and Malbec bring riper, more red wine like nuances and a weight to the palate that perfectly complements the energy of the Pinot Noir.

Aromatics of tangerine, ruby red grapefruit, strawberry compote and bubble gum leap from the glass. The palate shows cranberry, raspberry and crushed rock. The finish is fresh, pure, focused acidity and has a sweet-tart liveliness reminiscent of plum skin. Elegant and enjoyable chilled on its own, yet supple and complex to pair well with an array of dishes. Truly a rosé for all seasons.

Food Affinities

Rosé is a tremendously versatile wine when it comes to pairing with foods. Its light and bright qualities make it a natural to accompany anything with a bit of spice such as Chinese, Thai, Indian or Mexican fare. Our rosé in particular is also a great match for fish, scallops, oysters, mussels, shrimp, anything that might be pulled from the Mediterranean! You will also find it right at home with your favorite selection of cheese, crackers and olives.

Ageability

Our rosé is crafted for early enjoyment. That said, under proper cellar conditions, our 2023 rosé should develop nicely for another 1-2 years.

Technical Data

46% Pinot Noir, 29% Petit Verdot, 15% Syrah, 10% Malbec

13.5% Alc.

pH: 3.46

TA: 6.2 G/L

RS: 0.2 G/L

Cases Produced: 342

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