

BIG BASIN

VINEYARDS

Our approach to winegrowing is rooted in the earth and refined by hand. Great wines are grown, not made so we farm organically, harvest by hand, ferment with native yeast, avoid filtering and fining and use minimal sulfur. Ocean breezes, rocky soils, mountainous terrain establish the Santa Cruz and Gabilan Mountains as exceptional winegrowing terroir. Each vineyard we work with has a unique personality that inspires us to let them speak for themselves. Our steep windswept hillsides first planted over 100 years ago are now planted to Pinot Noir, Syrah, Grenache, and Roussanne. Founder and winemaker Bradley Brown has evolved the style at Big Basin to produce wines with more energy, intensity and dimension that speak clearly of their mountain origins.



2022 ROSE

**74% GRENACHE, 17% SYRAH, 6%
MOURVEDRE, 3% CARIGNAN**

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In our quest to produce the most delicious rosé possible, we acquired some beautiful Grenache from Certified Organic Rodnick Farms in Chalone. This Grenache makes up 74% of the final blend and all of it was picked specifically for this purpose, so was picked earlier than we would for a red wine. All of these grapes were whole cluster pressed, like we would to make a white wine, along with the old vine Carignan from Wirz Vineyard. Grenache-based rosés have always been among my favorites, and I am happy to say that this effort delivers the beauty we would hope to achieve.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The use of Grenache and Syrah adds to the structure and complexity of the wine. Like a proper whole cluster pressed rosé, the color is a pale pink/peach. It has both wonderful texture and vibrant acidity that keeps it fresh and alive (refreshing!) Notes of peach, apricot and apple blossom are accompanied by a mouthwatering acidity.

Vine Age:
20-90+ years

Elevation:
1200 ft to 2300 ft

Soil:
Decomposed granite, limestone and calcareous shale

Fermentation:
Native primary & Malo-lactic

Alcohol:
13%

Elevage:
Barrel fermented; No new

No filtration

Cases Produced:
304

Retail Price:
\$27

