

Verdad Rose 2005

82% Grenache

12% Mourvedre

6% Tempranillo

This wine is a beautiful pink rose color with aromas and of wild strawberries and rose petals with hints of herbs de Provence. It is medium bodied on the palate with flavors of berries and melon with hints of smoky spice and a long crisp finish.

The Grenache is from Rancho Arroyo Grande Vineyard in upper Arroyo Grande Valley. It was harvested on October 5th at 22.0 degrees brix after a long cool growing season. The Mourvedre is also from Rancho Arroyo Grande Vineyard and was picked on October 10th at 21.6 degrees brix. The Tempranillo was grown at the Ibarra-Young Vineyard in Los Olivos and was picked on October 6th at 23.0 degrees brix.

The grapes were de-stemmed and left on their skins for about 24 hours then pressed and put into neutral French Oak barrels for fermentation. About a third of the wine went through malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was racked and cold stabilized. We filtered the wine before bottling it on January 27.

It is to my taste to make a Rose' with delicate fruit and spice flavors, good acidity and moderate alcohol levels. It is with that goal in mind that I monitor the grapes in the vineyard and pick fairly early to insure these qualities.

800 cases were produced.

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