

Crocker & Starr



2023 A.V.A. ST. HELENA ROSÉ

Composition: 58% Syrah, 40% Malbec, and 2% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking: Skin contact young vine estate Syrah juice and run-off juice from Malbec and Cabernet Franc collected by our Harvest Interns. Barrel fermented 75% stainless and 25% used French oak. No fining.

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley

Production: 134 cases **SRP:** \$38

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The fifth release of our estate Rosé is a tribute to our interns, who work tirelessly each harvest. This project starts with their creativity and is meant to be a fun assignment for aspiring winemakers. A big thank you to Caitlin and Christopher, who played a major role in creating this Rosé from our estate grapes. Our winemaking team, Julie and Addie, guided our interns with their wisdom and experience as the juice was pressed and captured. The Syrah is making a comeback appearance from our estate planting trials of the early 2000s. The 2023 vintage was the first crop from these young vines and produced the perfect juice for this Rosé. The few hours of skin contact rendered a very pretty pink color. *Please note that the clear glass, though it shares the gorgeous color, does not protect the wine from light. Please protect this delicious bottle from 'light struck' off characters by storing it in a cool, dark cellar."*

2023 Growing Season

A throwback season reminiscent of the long and later growing seasons typical of the early 2000s, with budbreak occurring at the end of March. We experienced a bit of weather 'highs and lows' during flowering and fruit set, which only mildly reduced the yield in a couple of vineyard blocks. The growing season was moderate and well-paced, providing our vineyard team with plenty of time to manage the vines. Overall, it was an even and steady growing season.

Our Sauvignon Blanc harvest began in the first week of September, with our last black grapes coming in from the vineyard in the first week of November. It was a relaxed, unhurried growing season, resulting in fresh and balanced wines.

Tasting Notes

The beautiful pink color of our Rosé immediately captures our attention to this beautiful bottle. Aromas of strawberry, persimmon, jasmine, and fresh brie rind entice the senses, followed by vibrant flavors of pink lady apple, strawberry, and quince. Beautifully balanced acidity dances across your palate, keeping flavors bright and lively, complemented by refreshing minerality that lingers into the medium-long finish. Our Rosé is complex and fun, making it a perfect choice for any occasion. Let's celebrate the day—with Rosé!