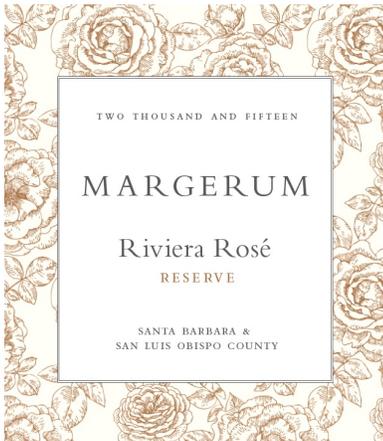




MARGERUM

2017 Riviera Rosé Reserve

Santa Barbara County



This wine is a barrel fermented and barrel aged Rosé made primarily from Grenache with accents of Mourvèdre, Syrah, and Cinsaut.

We pick Grenache specifically for our rosé production. The grapes are crushed and immediately pressed to stainless tank for cold settling. The settled juice is fermented in 228L and 265L cigar barrels. The wine is blended with various lots of Cinsaut, and other Grenache vineyards that were saignée. Saignée is a winemaking process where we “bleed” off a portion of slightly pink juice from a red must right after crush. We then filter and bottle early to capture brightness and vibrancy. It’s a refreshing dry spring and summer rosé for picnics and other activities.

Breakdown: 6 barrels of various blends and co-ferments of Margerum Estate Vineyard Grenache, Zaca Mesa Vineyard Grenache, Rancho Boa Vista Vineyard Grenache, Cautro Vientos Vineyard Grenache and Syrah, Margerum Estate Cinsaut, Camp 4 Mourvèdre and 10% Saignée of Grenache and Cinsaut.

Vintage Conditions: Another very early harvest beginning August 3rd. Heat waves perpetuated picking, otherwise summer was consistently mild. The new normal is erratic weather patterns. The wetter winter did have the effect of percolating soils and reducing the salts in some of the vineyards. Clear skies and warm spring weather allowed for consistent flowering overall, with average to below average yields. We enjoyed fairly even ripening and picking was rhythmic.

Maturation: 100% barrel fermented and barrel aged for 8 months, 64% neutral French oak, 17% new François Frères, 19% stainless barrel.

Wine Analysis: Alcohol 12.2%, pH 3.36, and TA 6.2 g/L **Production:** 120 cases

Winemaker Notes...

Color: very light coral, salmon and pink

Aroma: Bursting with aromas of strawberries, tangerines, with hints of brioche, vanilla and cream.

Palate: Dry and fruity with plenty of texture and a bit of tannin on the palate. The natural acidity ensures a crisp long finish that is persistent with some creamy notes and pleasant fruitiness.

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