



# MARGERUM

## 2022 Riviera Rosé

*Santa Barbara County*

Riviera Rosé is crafted from primarily Grenache, and blended with Counoise, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault sourced from select vineyards including our Estate Vineyard in the Los Olivos District. The other vineyards are Sanja Cota Vineyard, Portico Hills, Kingsley, Camp 4, Zaca Mesa, The Dairy Vineyard, Santa Ynez Vineyard and Riata Oaks.

We pick these grapes specifically for our rosé production, then (for the majority of the cuvée) we crush and immediately press to stainless steel tanks for a very cold fermentation to preserve the freshness. The wine is blended with various lots of Counoise, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault and other Grenache lots 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 filter and bottle early to capture brightness and vibrancy.

**Vintage Conditions:** Santa Barbara County had ideal growing conditions for most of the year and mild summer temperatures until an extended Labor Day heat wave hit. We were ready and harvested most of the early ripening varieties before and right at the beginning of the heat. Of course, that was followed by rain but after that the weather was mild, and we had a long timeframe for the remainder of harvest in which to carefully pick for optimal flavors. Yields were slightly below average, The weather cooperated for the remainder of the year permitting us to pick and process to produce wines with excellent flavors and abundant aromatics. We are very happy with the quality of the wines in 2022.

**Color:** **Very light** ballet slipper pink with just a dash of pink.

**Aroma:** Very pronounced strawberry and tangerine aromas with floral notes, hints of passion fruit and orange blossom. Not shy at all right after bottling.

**Palate:** Dry, crisp and dancing on the palate. Just right fruitiness and framboise flavors that include subtle rhubarb, sweet tarts, and a dry savory finish. The fruitiness is balanced with a touch of mouth-watering acidity and plenty of verve.

### **Varietal Blend**

**86% Grenache**

**7% Counoise**

**4% Syrah**

**2% Mourvèdre**

**1% Cinsault**

**Alcohol:** 11.9%

**pH** 3.24

**TA** 6.4 g/L

**Peak Drinking:** Now and for a few years.

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