

# brick & mortar

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2016  
rosé  
sonoma coast



## TECHNICAL NOTES:

Blend: 64% Pinot Noir, 36% Syrah  
AVA: Sonoma Coast  
Production: 580 cases  
Alcohol: 13.0%  
Lightly Fine + Filtered  
Release Date: February 14th, 2017

## VINEYARD

The 2016 rosé is made from partial *saignée* and partial direct-press juice. The *saignée* portion of the blend hails from three different sites, Cougar Rock Vineyard and La Perla Vineyard, both in Napa Valley - and Manchester Ridge Vineyard in the Manchester Ridge AVA in Mendocino County, four miles from the Pacific Ocean. Cougar Rock Vineyard was the sole source for our inaugural wines. Nestled from 1450 to 1800 feet above sea level, the vineyard lies due east of Yountville, high up in the Vaca Mountain Range of the eastern hills in Napa Valley. La Perla Vineyard is crosswise to Cougar Rock Vineyard, in the far northwest corner of the Napa Valley in the Mayacama Mountain Range. At a nearly identical altitude to the Cougar Rock Vineyard of 1800 feet, the northernly exposed La Perla Vineyard sits amongst the pine trees in the Spring Mountain District. The direct-press portion of the blend is cool-climate Syrah from Petaluma, a vineyard we refer to as West Block.

## VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was again early, but not as early as 2015. Yields were near normal in all vineyards for our Rosé with above-average quality. With a relatively even growing season that followed welcomed winter rains to alleviate drought conditions, the mild daytime high temperatures and colder nights aided in producing fruit with wonderful depth and concentration. 2016 will go down as the fifth consecutive vintage of exceptional fruit quality in Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast.

## WINEMAKING

This rosé was a *saignée* bleed from Pinot Noir as well as a certain amount of direct-press Syrah. After letting the juice settle via gravity, it was transferred into 100% stainless steel for native fermentation. Occasional *bâtonnage* was employed to enhance mouthfeel and texture of the rosé, backing the racey acidity.

## WINE

Our 2016 Rosé is an eye-catching shade of pale pink in the glass, with a lively freshness and energy. With enticing aromas of peppered strawberry, crushed stones and apple blossom, the palate is lush with flavors of red raspberry, rhubarb and ripe watermelon. This year we blended in Syrah rosé, creating a wonderful depth of flavor and beautiful floral notes, making this our favorite rosé yet released!

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