

2022 ROSÉ OF SYRAH VIVIO VINEYARD BENNETT VALLEY

Rosé has a lot riding on it. It carries the baggage of being a lifestyle brand, of bringing a bit of St. Tropez to our backyards, beach blankets and urban rooftops.

It all starts with the color; being pink is merely table stakes. It's the shade that matters – salmon, copper, coral, apricot, raspberry – as each has something to tell you about the wine. For 2022, we performed a 3-day stabulation (too geeky?). It's basically a way of macerating the juice on the lees at a cooler temperature to extract greater aromatics without adding too much color. The result is a wine that looks like it tastes.

For color, think pink-orange. For aroma, think underripe strawberries and mandarins. The strawberries seem to ripen in the glass as you taste. They're accompanied by nectarines, tart cherries and white grapefruit. The finish is crisp. The sensation is of the sun on your face.

VINEYARD: Vivio Vineyard, sustainably farmed CLONES: 470 and 877 HARVEST: 20 Oct. 2022, 20 Brix FERMENTATION: Barrel fermented, three bours on skins, no malolactic fermentation, 5 day stabulation.

INGREDIENTS: Hand picked grapes, yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, Roxé-specific yeast, SO2. Nothing else added. Vegan friendly.

AGING: 5 Mos, 50% neutral oak, 50% strainless steel.

3 BARRELS PRODUCED \$34

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