2012 Sonoma Valley Pink

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for this expressive Rosé are grown at Landa Vineyards. Landa Vineyards is located in the south-eastern foothills of the Mayacamas Mountain range in the Sonoma Valley. This vineyard, which is planted exclusively to Rhône varieties, is considerably warmer than our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards. Grenache and Syrah, the two grape varieties used to make this Rosé, both require warm to hot temperatures to ripen adequately before the threat of Fall rains. These grapes were hand harvested and whole cluster pressed with seven hours of skin contact to extract the right concentration of color and tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Soft but still crisp and lively, with floral raspberry aromas and succulent flavors of strawberry, smoky herb and spice. The palate is well structured. This Rosé is ready to enjoy as an aperitif or with your favorite dish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietals: 56% Grenache, 44% Syrah
Appellation: Sonoma Valley
Vineyard: Landa Vineyards
Clones: Grenache-Alban Clone, Syrah-877 and 174
Rootstock: 101-14
Brix at Harvest: 21
Harvest Dates: 10/2-10/17
TA, pH, Alcohol: 5.9 g/L, 3.38, 13.9
Method: Hand harvested, whole cluster pressed, 7 hours skin contact, native yeast fermentation. Stored in stainless steel until the February 2013 bottling.
Alcohol: 13.3
Cases produced: 144
Retail: $22 / bottle

“The Winds of Sonoma lent us our name. Be it a steady breeze or a firm gust, an anabatic wind is one that blows up the hills of a vineyard during calm and sunny weather.”

—John Sweazey, Proprietor