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ROSÉ WINE
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
'LOVE YOU BUNCHES'
2022

TECHNICAL

VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Southern San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County.

VARIETAL BLEND

90% Grenache / 10% Mourvèdre

VINIFICATION

Held 12-24 hours for fermentation to kick off "carbonic" or whole-grape fermentation prior to pressing.

FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol: 12%

FERMENTATION

Stainless Steel tanks for a cool, extended fermentation.

COOPERAGE & ELEVAGE

Stainless steel for 3 months

HARVEST DATE

Grenache harvested August 23 to September 9
Mourvèdre harvested September 10

TOTAL PRODUCTION

12,300 cases

VINTAGE

Cold windy conditions in the spring resulted in a lower yielding, flavor-packed vintage. Then, an early September heatwave over Labor Day weekend proved pivotal for the vintage. Most Grenache destined for rosé ripened prior to the heat, while we waited to harvest a small remainder (15%) for a broader fruit profile the week following. The later ripening Mourvèdre came in a full week after the heat on September 10, and the Mourvèdre still wound up with lower sugar than any of the Grenache lots. While the low yields combined with the heatwave will create super intense red wines, the 2022 Love You Bunches rosé delivers a breezy, effortless, down-right delicious pink wine!

SENSORY

White blossom, acacia, and rose petal on the nose. Strawberry shortcake and peach on the front palate with a velvety, airy texture reminiscent of tasting angel food cake for the first time as a child. Balancing acid brings a linear, crisp closure already integrated with the soft floral and fruit notes.

BACKGROUND

While the main Love You Bunches wine continues to be a 100% carbonic fermentation of Sangiovese, in 2019 we began making Love You Bunches Rosé, in which the fruit is pressed immediately for an extremely light-colored rose. Grapes rest 12-24 hours whole, to pick up some color and texture from the skins and pulp.

"Love You Bunches" – a pun for the gentle "loving" treatment of the whole grape bunches to keep the grapes intact for fermentation to begin. Of course, the simple, whimsical label is the perfect fit for this fun, happy wine. The label shows off the beautiful penmanship of vineyard manager and Grape Whisperer, Ruben Solorzano.