STOLPMAN

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ROSF 2020 Estate

TECH

VINEYARD COMPONENTS

Blocks 1,3,5 grenache, All Syrah blocks, Pliocene Block Mourvedre

VARIETAL BLEND

62% Grenache, 28% Syrah 10% Mourvedre

FINAL ANALYSIS

alcohol: 11.5%

VATTING/FERMENTATION

100% of Mourvedre and 20% of Grenache crushed and soaked overnight. 100% of Syrah and 80% of Grenache directly pressed

COOPERAGES & ELEVAGE

80% fermented and aged in stainless steel, 20% fermented and aged in 500L neutral French puncheon for 5 months

RELEASE DATE

April 2021

HARVEST DATE

Grenache on September 15 and 18, Syrah on September 11, Mourvedre on September 16

TOTAL PRODUCTION

1100 cases

BACKGROUND

Typically, we make our Stolpman Estate Rose from 100% Grenache. Not receiving irrigation or rainfall all summer, these vines deliver intensity and layered textures all within the crisp package of a dry rose.

Our rose-filled weekend in Cassis and Bandol in June of 2019 (in between Syrah research visits in the Northern Rhone) only deepened our love for Mourvedre-based rose wines. The only problem? The only Mourvedre we have planted on the vineyard is the coveted pre-clonal, own-rooted, 6,000 vine/acre hand-farmed Pliocene block. Despite the high costs of farming here, we designated the lower section of the block for the 2020 estate rose, just this 10% addition made a prettier, more intricate rose!

VINTAGE

Following the Labor Day heat wave, La Cuadrilla combed through every Syrah block on the vineyard and selected clusters from any vine that appeared stressed following the heat. This resulted in 28% of the 2020 estate rose's final blend. The Syrah was direct-pressed and contributed yet another component of this benchmark rose vintage.

SENSORY

Soft, light salmon-pink in color, the 2020 is the most delicate and fine-tuned estate rose to date. Based on our love for this wine, this blend will certainly be the path forward for our estate rose program.

Blooming rose petals on the nose with a swirl of lychee, white peach, hibiscus, and rhubarb all tightly woven into a pristinely delicate pink wine. A lively "sweet and sour melon" carries through the finish married with the crisp, clean back palate.