



2021 Rosé of Syrah

North Coast

SPECS+ TECH NOTES

Harvest: Sept 9 & 10, 2021

Varietal: Syrah

Appellation: North Coast

Alcohol: 12.9%

pH: 3.4

TA: 6.49 g/l

Fermentation: 100% stainless steel tank

Cases Produced: 469

VINTAGE NOTES

The spring of 2021 was an extremely dry. There was very little rain that winter and we moved back into serious drought conditions by early spring. On 4/19/2021 the water from Lake Mendocino was shut off at our Redwood Valley Grape Ranch (and remains shut off as of 8/9/22). No water at all was made available for Agriculture. The lack of soil moisture led to weaker shoot growth and very poor fruit set. Coastal sites with more fog and general ambient moisture did better. Inland vineyards were the most affected. Overall the crop in Sonoma County was about 15% below normal. Coming on the heels of the total disaster of 2020 (which had two major fires in the middle of the growing season) this left wineries scrambling to find fruit. The 2021 vintage is excellent but small.

TASTING NOTES

Despite the drought conditions in 2021 my Riley's Rows Rose' of Syrah maintains its characteristic structure and balance. The nose has notes of fresh peaches and honeysuckle with subtle hints of ripe citrus. On the palate, the wine displays beautiful acidity and soft notes of blood orange, plum, and melon.

