

Proprietor Selected
SPECIAL CUVÉE

Elizabeth Spencer

ROSÉ OF SYRAH
SONOMA COAST

Vintage 2007

4 Barrels

Produced & Bottled by Elizabeth Spencer Wines.

APPELLATION: SONOMA COAST
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% SYRAH
WINEMAKER: MATTHEW RORICK
RELEASE DATE: SUMMER 2008

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Distinguished pink in color. Pleasant aromatic notes of peach, heliotrope, melon, and *garrigue du provence*. Flavors of strawberry, quince, lavender, white pepper and ruby grapefruit overlay sparkling acidity, leading to a refreshing, clean finish.

WINEMAKING

The Syrah grapes for our 2007 rosé were picked slightly earlier than the grapes which would become our Sonoma Coast Syrah. This enabled us to preserve many of the lovely aromatics and flavors which contribute to the allure of this wine, as well as preserving the brilliant natural acidity. Upon arriving at the winery, these grapes were whole cluster pressed and cold fermented, again, to ensure that the characteristic Syrah aromatics were preserved. After judicious but brief lees contact we bottled the wine after four months in tank, capturing the bright and fresh nature of the wine for you in bottle.

VINEYARDS

Our Syrah grapes are sourced from a vineyard north of San Pablo Bay outside the town of Petaluma in southern Sonoma County. Cooling influences from the nearby bay converge with those from the Pacific coast to create a particularly cool mesoclimate, one which allows for gradual and complete development of flavors and aromas.

VINTAGE

The 2007 growing season in northern California appeared to be trending toward a warm one, until the dog days of August mellowed into a mild, dry fall. This sedate ripening climate allowed our grapevines to develop their fruit gradually and ripen it evenly. By assiduous management of the crop level and vine growth we were able to guide this vintage's Syrah to optimum ripeness, with full tannin maturation as well as complex and forward aromas and flavors. The result is a wine which is a brilliantly true expression of the variety, featuring clean, pure flavors, ample structure and body, and balancing natural acidity.

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