

# 2006

## OREGON ROSÉ

### TASTING NOTES

Gorgeous aromas of fresh pure strawberries, raspberries, provincial herbs, wildflowers, juicy cherries, watermelon and mixed spices. The wine is bright and lush, at the same time finishing clean and crisp. Full of flavor and pleasure, the 2006 Rosé is a perfect wine with all types of food and will drink wonderfully over the next year.

### WINE

The 2006 A to Z Rosé comes from Sangiovese grapes grown in Southern Oregon's Del Rio Vineyard located 36 miles north of the California border. The block is on a Southwest facing slope composed of large oval river rocks. Daytime temperatures in the summer can reach 100 degrees, while the nights always fall back to the 40s, perfect conditions for bolder reds. Harvested just shy of peak ripeness to retain bright acidity and aromas and flavors of fresh red fruits, the grapes were destemmed, crushed and left to sit for one to three days. We pressed the grapes, settled the juice overnight and then racked to stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation was blocked to retain brightness and juiciness. 3,000 -750 ml bottle cases were made.

### VINTAGE

The 2006 Oregon growing season started late and wet needing more sprays than normal to keep the mildew at bay. Great weather for flowering set the largest crop that that we have seen in a few years, a still modest 2.5 tons/acre average (opposed to 1.4 – 1.8 tons/acre like we saw in 2003, 2004 and 2005). In Southern Oregon we had the best of all worlds, higher yields, but smaller clusters with smaller berries. June and July were gorgeous and hot, but cooled appreciably in August to begin a soft, slow slide into harvest. It stayed relatively mild in the south after a bit of rain late in August and early September allowing a slow, even ripening of epic importance. We were able to pick beautifully ripe small-berried clusters at our leisure. The 2006 vintage will be remembered in Southern Oregon as the finest in recent memory.

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