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2011 ROSÉ of CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

The 2011 growing season proved to be a challenge in Napa Valley. A wet winter and spring extended with rainfall into mid-June, delaying bloom and set. A long, cool growing season followed, which forced growers to open canopies to ensure sunlight and warmth. Harvest was further hampered by autumn rain storms, which encouraged an earlier-than-normal harvest. Overall, quality of fruit is high, and lower alcohols are expected for the vintage.

Vineyards

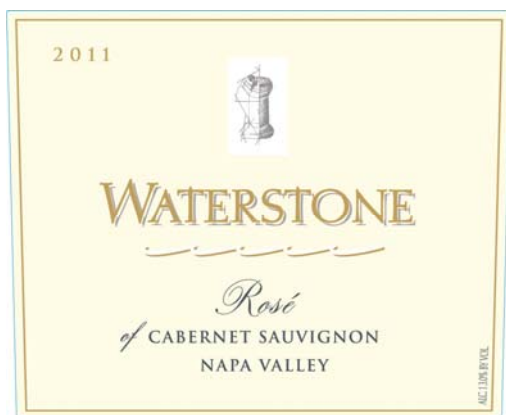
The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine were grown in the Chiles Valley and Carneros regions of Napa Valley. The two vineyards selected were harvested at full ripeness with good acid balance.

Vinification

Our Rosé is made in the saignée method, by “bleeding” juice from our Cabernet Sauvignon tanks prior to fermentation. The juice, pink in color due to its minimal skin contact, is inoculated and fermented to dryness in stainless steel. Prior to bottling, the wine received minimal filtration and fining to preserve the fresh fruit flavors.


Tasting Notes

Perfect for spring and summer sipping, this crisp, fragrant Rosé features fresh strawberry, rose and hibiscus aromas that are mirrored on the palate. With its dry finish and balanced acidity, this Rosé is perfectly suited for al fresco dining and lighter fare.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	13.1%
TA	0.74 g/100ml
pH	3.40
Oak Aging	None
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Bottling Date	February 9, 2012
Production	174 cases



Philip Zorn, Winemaker