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2013 ROSÉ of CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break in 2013; we experienced ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity. Early ripening varieties came off the vines by early September, with perfect ripeness and ideal hang time. Two brief mid-September rains had virtually no impact, as sunny weather dried the grapes almost immediately. Cool, sunny weather throughout October allowed great flavor development. Overall, the 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent.

Vineyards

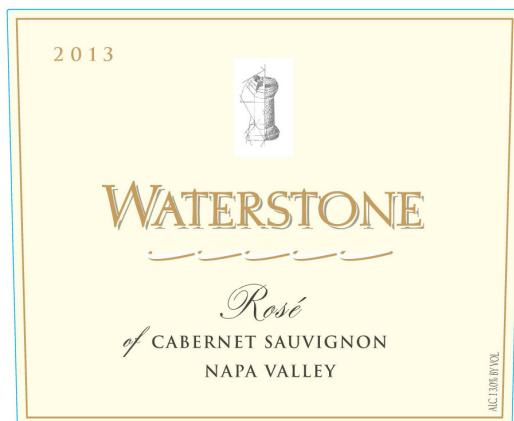
The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine were grown in the Truchard Vineyard in the Carneros region of Napa Valley and the Nichelini Vineyard in Napa's Chiles Valley.. The vineyard blocks were harvested at full ripeness with good acid balance.

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	13.7%
TA	0.62 g/100ml
pH	3.32
Oak Aging	None
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Bottling Date	February 28, 2014
Production	432 cases



Philip Zorn, Winemaker