



2023 CRU ROSÉ



Harvest Dates: September 14–25, 2023

Barrel Age: 4 months

Cooperage: 100% used French: Saury Immersion, Ermitage Steam Bent, Orion Neptune, Quintessance Opaline

Bottling Date: February 26, 2024

Alcohol: 13.5%

Release Date: April 1, 2024

Cases Produced: 199

THE VINEYARD “Wine is made in the vineyard” serves as the philosophy for Keith Emerson, Director of Winemaking at Vineyard 29, and is the guiding principle behind our CRU wines. From site selection to crop yield to harvest planning, each farming decision is made with the final blend in mind. Keith’s deliberate and detail-oriented winemaking results in elegantly composed wines that depict the best of Napa Valley.

THE VINTAGE Napa Valley saw approximately 40” of rainfall over the winter of 2022/2023. The 2023 grape growing season began two weeks later than the five year average as a result of the cooler and wetter than average winter and early spring. The vines had an ample amount of water without being over saturated, shoot growth was steady, flowering and fruit set were also two weeks later than usual, and veraison did not take place in most vineyards until mid-August. Growers and winemakers, at that time, knew that they were in for a long, late harvest. Patience was the name of the game for the 2023 vintage. Early ripening varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc were mostly picked in early to mid-September (as opposed to late August) and the Cabernet harvest lasted until November 10th, a record for Vineyard 29! Mother Nature was extremely generous in 2023 as the weather stayed moderate and the sun kept shining, thus allowing the vines to slowly ripen their clusters. The yields were bountiful and the wines are extremely dark in color (reds), full of aromatics, opulent, rich and juicy. There is amazing acid structure and fully developed tannins across the board for the red varieties. The whites are fresh and delicious as well. The 2023 vintage will go down as one of the greatest, most unique vintages in quite some time.

THE WINE The beauty of the 2023 CRU Napa Valley Rose happens before the first sip is even taken, marveling at the beautiful salmon-tinged pink color as it festively fills the glass. Upon first taste, both nose and palate burst onto the scene with playful energy of sun-ripened strawberries and tangy kiwi. Succulent raspberries join the festivities adding a layer of sunshine and joy. Lean and crisp in texture with a refreshing acidity that will keep the party going long after the last sip is taken.