



## 2022 GRENACHE ROSÉ

### Rogue Valley

At Iris Vineyards we look to showcase the quality of the grapes we receive from our dedicated growers through minimal processing and careful attention to each lot of wine.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

**VARIETIES** 100% Grenache

**AVA** Rogue Valley

**TA** 7.1g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 3.0g/L

**ALCOHOL** 11.5%

**ELEVAGE** Fermented 100% in neutral, French oak barrels for 2 weeks. Final aging in barrel for 2 months.

**CLONE** 362

**VINEYARDS** Griffin Creek Vineyard

**SOIL TYPES** Debenger-Brader Loam

**HARVESTED** September 2022

**BOTTLED** January 2023

**CELLARING** 1-3 years

**RELEASED** February 2023

**CASES** 340

**WINEMAKER** Aaron Lieberman

**PROPRIETOR** Pamela Frye

**SRP: \$19.99**

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

We picked the grapes on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We sourced 100% of the grapes from Griffin Creek Vineyard, near Medford, in the Rogue Valley. We destemmed the same afternoon and allowed approximately 12 hours of skin contact time before pressing to tank around midnight. The juice settled for about 4 days before we racked off the lees to neutral, French oak puncheons for fermentation. As with our white wines, our goal in fermenting rosé is a slow and steady fermentation in cool temperatures. Fermentation completed on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and the wine was removed from the lees on January 5<sup>th</sup>. For microbiological and color stability we use a carefully calibrated mix of SO<sub>2</sub> and Ascorbic Acid.

#### **VINTAGE DESCRIPTION**

The 2022 vintage had slightly warmer than average growing conditions following a warmer than average 2021 and 2020. Budbreak occurred in the first week of April just a few days earlier than average. Bloom occurred in the middle of June with some rain and wind during that time, which led, to a slightly smaller than average fruit set and berry size. From there on the season was near average in terms of precipitation and temperature. The fall ripening period was nearly ideal with warm days, cool nights and little rain. The concerns about the effect of the frost on the vines and fruit quality seem to have been unnecessary as the 2022 wines are of high quality and excellent concentration.