

Cortijo Rose (Lagrima Style)



Cortijo Rosé is a beautiful example of a dry rosé from Rioja, Spain's most prestigious wine region. For wine drinkers who want to learn more about this magical, storybook wine region, and enjoy a delicious rosé, Cortijo Rosé offers a perfect introduction. Cortijo means cottage or shack, a reference to the fact that a humble Rioja winery can make excellent, high quality wine.

The philosophy of Cortijo is simple - to make better wine, you need to harvest better grapes. The quality of Cortijo wines are achieved by maintaining quality in the vineyards. Rather than building a chateau or a beautiful tasting room, Cortijo focuses on cultivating the only meaningful ingredient, the grapes. Beginning with the 2009 vintage, Cortijo is made with estate-owned grapes. Cortijo Rosé is a pure expression of crisp, fruity Rioja rosé at an excellent price point.

WHAT MAKES THIS WINE UNIQUE?: This is a dry, yet rich and vibrant rosé. 100% estate-bottled wine from Rioja Alta. The wine exhibits both body and bright acidity. It is a delicious, crisp wine at an unbelievable price.

RATING HISTORY: 2016 89VM; 2013 88RP 2011 89RP 2010RP 2008 88RP

GRAPE: 100% Garnacha. Vines planted since 1983. Tended in clay and limestone soil at 568 m (1,865 ft) elevation

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: From a food pairing perspective, this wine is perfect. It has just the right amount of acidity and body to match foods that fall in the middle of the food and wine pairing spectrum. Olives, tapenades, salads, charcuterie, pate, prosciutto, cheeses, seafood, Indian food and Thai dishes would all pair nicely with Cortijo Rosé.



VINIFICATION AND AGEING: At harvest, Garnacha grapes are picked and brought to the winery to be de-stemmed and crushed. The stems are discarded, and the skins and juice are pumped into a tank. In a few hours, the grape skins begin to separate from the juice. Once the cap has formed, the pink-colored juice is pumped into a tank to ferment. The wine is aged in stainless steel to retain its fresh, expressive aromas and flavors.

PRODUCTION: 5,000 cases

LOCATION, SOIL, CLIMATE: The vineyards are located in the towns of Hormilla, within the Rioja Alta (Zone 3), Briones and Arenzana, the latter two sited at approximately 568 meters (1,865 ft.) elevation. The soils in Briones are thin red clay and sandy limestone. In Arenzana the soils are clay and limestone with alluvial sediment. For climate, the area's average temperature from April-October is 61.5F with 18.3 inches of yearly rainfall. The moderately warm days and cool nights of this Continental Atlantic climate forces the grapes to ripen slowly, resulting in wines that show brighter aromas and more fruit flavors.

TASTING NOTES Light pink in color, it offers up an alluring nose of rose petal, cherry, and strawberry. Dry, round, and spicy on the palate. Cortijo Rosé is a terrific rosé at an excellent price.



ALCOHOL CONTENT: 12.5%

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