

# Rosé Summer Special

Six different styles. Six different wineries.

This summer, in order to provide an overview of Rosé's variety and a snapshot of its styles, we are showcasing six different varietals produced by top winemakers in Santa Barbara County—A true horizontal tasting.



## Timbre "Opening Act" 2016 Rosé

Santa Barbara County AVA

100% Pinot Noir

Timbre is often referred to as the "color" in music, how two voices can express their individuality, even when singing the same note at the same volume. This saignée blend of Pinot Noir grapes produces a Rosé from Timbre Winery that channels the vineyard sites, specifically Presqu'île, John Sebastiano, and Bien Nacido through the experiences of the winemaker. The "Opening Act" Rosé is perfumed with strawberries, watermelon and rose petals that is complimented by a wonderful delicacy, crisp acidity, and slightly creamy texture. Notes of zingy red fruit lead into a strong finish.



## Dragonette 2016 Rosé

Happy Canyon AVA, Santa Barbara County

88% Grenache, 8% Mourvèdre, 4% Syrah

Winemakers Brandon Sparks-Gillis and John and Steve Dragonette of Dragonette Cellars take their Rosé seriously, sourcing the fruit from highly regarded vineyard sites and picking grapes early for the express purpose of making Rosé. They then ferment the wine until dry in a combination of neutral oak, concrete, and stainless steel. The result is a Provencal style wine with a nose of wild strawberry and raspberry, peach skin, blood orange, and a touch of pine and earth. On the palate, the wine delivers flavors of strawberry, raspberry, pear, nectarine, Fuji apple, and melon, with acidity-inspired notes of orange peel and stony minerals.



## Brander 2016 Rosé

Los Olivos District, Santa Barbara County AVA

66% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon

Beautifully melding elegance and grace with irrepressible style and verve, Brander's 2016 Rosé is a mouthwatering blend of Merlot with Cabernet Sauvignon to contribute additional nuance and aromatic intrigue. The gorgeous salmon hue only hints at the remarkable complexity of an emollient palate laden with crunchy nectarine, ripe strawberries, a touch of young honeydew melon, and a hint of rose. Don't be afraid to allow this Rosé to warm up closer to room temperature - you'll notice the aromatics are more pronounced and the texture of the wine becomes more noticeable.



## Tercero 2016 Mourvèdre Rosé

Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County AVA

100% Mourvèdre

Tercero's 2016 Mourvèdre Rosé is arguably the winery's best vintage yet. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were foot stomped by winemaker, Larry Schaffer (and only Larry!), left on the skins for an hour, then dumped in the press and pressed whole cluster. The juice was then fermented at cooler temperatures in a stainless tank, before being aged in a combination of stainless steel and older French oak barrels for about 4 months. This beautiful light colored Mourvèdre Rosé is an outstanding example of a high-quality California Rosé. A refreshing full-bodied wine, with an elegant mouthfeel, leading into a tangy, dry finish.



## Ampelos 2016 Rosé of Syrah

Santa Ynez Valley AVA

80% Syrah, 15% Grenache, 5% Riesling

"Soil. Vines. Wines. This is the order in which great wine is made." This 2016 Rosé of Syrah from Ampelos Vineyard and Cellars is a firecracker of a wine with rich color and a complex profile to match! One third of the grape clusters were de-stemmed, crushed and cold soaked for 5 days, giving it a beautiful bold pink color, a red wine-like mouthfeel and light tannins. Overall this Rosé has natural aromas and flavors produced by the Syrah grape with added depth and texture from a splash of Grenache and a touch of Riesling. Incredible bright acidity meets your nose and palate with tones of strawberry, pear and red fruit. Dry, crisp and smooth, the 2016 vintage will be one to remember.



## Para Maria de los Tecolotes 2016 Rosé

Santa Barbara County AVA

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah

The 2016 Para Maria Rosé was produced in honor of Maria, the forewoman and wife of the current vineyard manager of Stolpman Vineyards, Ruben Solorzano. The name translates to "For Maria, of the Owls" and refers to the people of her native village of Jalisco, Mexico. The people there are so renowned for their all night parties, they have earned the nickname "night owls" or "los tecolotes." This 2016 vintage blends predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon with a small percentage of carbonic Syrah. The resulting wine is light, crisp wine with notes of fresh strawberry, light peach, and racing acidity. It's a dry, zesty Rosé with a flare of exotic lychee, star fruit and jasmine that glide into a lively, yet soft tangerine finish.

