

Cakebread Cellars



2018 Vin de Porche Anderson Valley

Vin de Porche (no accent required) is a traditional dry rosé. True to its name, this wine is meant to be enjoyed well-chilled, on a porch or patio, while seated on a porch swing, in a patio rocking chair, or on a hillside picnic blanket. Enjoy this extraordinarily versatile wine with cold pasta salads, fresh seasonal fruit tarts, or just about any summer favorite.

Vineyards

Our 2018 Vin de Porche is a blend of 91% pinot noir and 9% syrah from our estate vineyards in Anderson and Napa valleys. We harvested the pinot noir from our Annahala and Apple Barn vineyards in Mendocino County, where warm afternoon sun and extremely chilly nights create wines of intensity and balance. These vineyards lie just a few miles from one another; Annahala sits closer to the ocean and gives us a lighter style pinot noir, while the gravelly soils and slightly warmer conditions of Apple Barn deliver a robust expression of the varietal. The syrah comes from our cool-climate Suscol Springs Vineyard in southeastern Napa Valley, where rocky, hillside vineyards contribute a kiss of minerality.

Vintage 2018

In both Napa and Anderson valleys, the 2018 growing season was a dream come true. Early spring rains replenished the soils, clusters ripened evenly over a long, slow summer with no heat spikes, and grapes reached full maturity right on time. Yields at harvest were abundant and of very high quality.

Winemaking

We select pinot noir grapes from blocks of our Annahala and Apple Barn Vineyards dedicated to this rosé, and we harvest the grapes at the height of flavor development and at optimal acid-to-sugar balance. Both pinot noir and syrah grapes are harvested at night for freshness and varietal purity, then are gently pressed as cold clusters to capture the bright fruit characters. The syrah fruit is destemmed into a tank for brief, minimal skin contact that ensures just a blush of color. In 2018, 82% of the juice was cold-fermented in stainless steel tanks with 18% fermented in neutral French oak barrels. To enhance complexity, the wine aged for three months in a combination of neutral French oak barrels (67%) and stainless steel (33%).

Tasting Notes

Our 2018 Vin de Porche reveals delicate aromas of strawberry with hints of white flowers and beeswax. On the palate, well-defined ripe raspberry, white peach, and melon are balanced and supported by bright acidity. This distinctive rosé finishes with a touch of minerality and vibrant red cherry.

Blend:	91% pinot noir, 9% syrah	Alcohol: 13.0
Vineyards:	91% estate Anderson Valley, Mendocino County 9% estate Suscol Springs Ranch, Napa Valley	Total acidity: 0.79g/100ml
Harvest dates:	September 6-7, 2018	pH: 3.30
Fermentation:	82% stainless steel tanks, 18% neutral French oak	Bottled: January 2019
Barrel aging:	Aged 3 months in 67% neutral French oak and 33% stainless steel barrels	Winemaker: Stephanie Jacobs