

Cakebread Cellars



2019 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 while seated in a rocker, on a porch swing, or deep within a wicker easy chair. Enjoy this extraordinarily versatile wine with cold pasta salads, fresh seasonal fruit tarts, or just about any summer favorite.

Vineyards

Our 2019 Vin de Porche is a blend of 93% pinot noir and 7% 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 2019

As if waking from a dream, the season began with ample rainfall to fill the soils. A long, warm summer with foggy mornings provided plenty of sunshine for grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, preserving freshness in the fruit as it languished on the vines.

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. After the juice cold-fermented in stainless steel tanks, to further enhance complexity, the wine aged for three months in a combination of neutral French oak barrels (74%) and stainless steel (26%).

Tasting Notes

Our 2019 Vin de Porche reveals delicate aromas of fresh strawberry, raspberry and rose petals. 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 rich, vibrant strawberry.

Blend: 93% pinot noir, 7% syrah

Vineyards: 93% estate Anderson Valley, Mendocino County
7% estate Suscol Springs Ranch, Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: 9/5/19-9/6/19

Fermentation: 100% stainless steel tanks

Barrel Aging: Aged 3 months in 74% neutral French oak
and 26% stainless steel barrels

Alcohol: 13.9%

Total acidity: .063G/100ML

pH: 3.38

Bottled: January 2020

Winemaker: Stephanie Jacobs