



KOKOMO WINERY

SONOMA COUNTY, CA



2012 Grenache Rosé, Pauline's Vineyard Dry Creek Valley

Varietal: 100% Grenache
Appellation: Dry Creek Valley
Harvest: September 2012
Fermentation: 100% Stainless Steel
Cases Produced: 623 cases
Alcohol: 13.1 %

Vineyard Description:

This vineyard is located on Dry Creek Road, directly across the street from the winery. It is farmed by Randy Peters, who was born on the property. The vineyard is named after his late mother, Pauline. The soil is made up of Yolo Sandy Loam.

Winemaker Notes:

The 2012 growing season was a banner year! Not only was the crop bountiful but the quality was outstanding. The temperatures were not too hot and not too cold and when we needed a bit more heat towards the end of the season, we got it. We saw enough rainfall at the end of spring to give us the bump in average that we needed, but more importantly we did not get rain as harvest approached and we were literally able to pick on the dates that we wanted to for each varietal. With a larger than normal crop it allowed us to be selective as to what clusters we kept and the ones that we dropped to give us a balance and concentrated crop. Overall we dropped up to 50% of the fruit from the vines making the remaining bunches that much more flavorful and intense.

Following a whole berry press, we maintained a cool fermentation in stainless steel which allowed us to retain the fruit's natural character. Watermelon and strawberry make up the aromatics of this wine. The bright vibrant palate of strawberry juice with hints of minerality leads to a long, lingering finish.