

Montemaggiore

ROSÉ

DRY CREEK VALLEY • SONOMA COUNTY

PAOLO'S VINEYARD • SYRAH 100%

ESTATE GROWN 2007

Technical Data

Varietal Blend.....	100% Syrah
Average Sugar at Harvest.....	23.7° Brix
Alcohol	13.9%
Cooperage	100% French
Percentage New Oak	0%
Harvest Date	Sep 26, 2007
Bottling Date.....	Mar 2008
Release Date	May 2008
Cases Produced.....	20
Optimum Consumption.....	2008-2009

Tasting Notes

The beautiful and vibrant ruby color of the 2007 Rosé divulges its gorgeous raspberry and strawberry flavors tempered by tangy acidity. Medium-bodied and round on the palate, the Montemaggiore Rosé carries enough weight and complexity to please the most discerning aficionados.

Endlessly versatile and classically refreshing, this sophisticated wine is an excellent match for a summertime al fresco meal. Pairs well with barbequed shrimp, pasta al pesto, tuna carpaccio, sautéed scallops, and avocado soup, Serve slightly chilled.



Vineyard Notes

Located on a mountainside high above Dry Creek Valley, the rocky soils of Paolo's Vineyard produce intensely flavored Syrah grapes at naturally low yields. Using sustainable practices and organic materials, we farm our estate vineyards without chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides.

Flavor maturity and sugar maturity progressed in lockstep during the stellar 2007 growing season (typically sugar maturity far surpasses flavor maturity). The spring was quite dry, followed by a mild summer, punctuated by a heat spike in late August, and finally moderated by cool foggy weather in September. For the Rosé, we harvested only select bunches about two weeks before picking the rest of the grapes for our flagship red wine.

Winemaker's Notes

Select Syrah bunches were hand-harvested in late September, and brought less than 100 yards to our estate winery. There they were destemmed and crushed, carefully hand sorted at the berry level, and held for 36-hours on the skins to obtain the vibrant ruby color. After a gentle pressing in a stainless steel basket press in order to limit astringency, the juice was inoculated with yeast from Bandol (Provence, France) to emphasize mouthfeel. The three-week alcoholic fermentation took place in neutral oak barrels at 60°F. The wine aged for an additional five months in French oak barrels. Filtered.