

Montemaggiore

ROSÉ

DRY CREEK VALLEY · SONOMA COUNTY

PAOLO'S VINEYARD · SYRAH 100%

ESTATE GROWN 2010

Technical Data

Varietal Blend	100% Syrah
Average Sugar at Harvest	24.2° Brix
Alcohol.....	13.7%
Cooperage.....	100% French
Percentage New Oak	0%
Harvest Date.....	Oct 17, 2010
Bottling Date.....	April 2011
Release Date.....	May 2011
Cases Produced.....	55
Optimum Consumption.....	2011-2012

Tasting & Serving Comments

The vibrant and intense ruby color of the Montemaggiore Rosé hints at its gorgeous strawberry and plum flavors highlighted by floral notes. Made in the classic dry style of a Provençal Rosé, this wine's fruit flavors are balanced by a vibrant 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 barbecued shrimp, gazpacho, pasta al pesto, a simple baguette with prosciutto, tuna carpaccio, sautéed scallops, roast turkey, and avocado soup. Serve slightly chilled.

Vineyard Profile

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

Vintage Summary

Despite a challenging growing season with cooler than normal summer temperatures and scorching heat as harvest approached, the quality and intensity of the 2010 vintage is outstanding. For the Rosé, we harvested only select bunches in Paolo's Vineyard two weeks before picking the rest of the grapes for our flagship red wine.



Winemaking Notes

Select Syrah bunches were hand-harvested in mid-October and brought less than 100 yards to our estate winery. There they were destemmed, carefully hand-sorted at the berry level, crushed, and held for 30 hours on their skins to obtain the flavor complexity and vibrant ruby color. After pressing, the juice was inoculated with yeast from Bandol (Provence, France) to emphasize mouthfeel. The four-week fermentation took place in neutral oak barrels at 60°F. The wine aged for a total of six months in French oak barrels. Filtered.

