

# 2018 GRENACHE ROSÉ

**AVA:** *Rogue Valley, Oregon*

## VINEYARD DATA

**Source:** 2Hawk estate, Block 3, Jackson clone

**Soil Profile:** Padigan silty loam with alluvial sand & cobbled river rocks

## WINEMAKING DATA

**Composition:** 98.5% Grenache, 1.5% Syrah

**Yeast:** Wild

**Aging:** 6 months sur lies in 100% stainless steel

## AWARDS

*Wine Enthusiast* – 88 points

*San Francisco Chronicle* Wine Competition – Gold

*Sunset* International Wine Competition – Silver

*Wine Press Northwest* Platinum Judging – Double Gold

Millennial Competition – Silver

Harvest Challenge – Silver

Oregon Wine Awards – Silver

## VINTAGE

2018 was a textbook Rogue Valley Indian summer vintage. The growing season saw a cool start into late spring, but just as the vines began to bloom, the weather turned slightly warmer, resulting in even and above-average fruit set. Overall, the summer was similar to previous years, but it was notably free of heat spikes, which can cause uneven ripening.

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## HARVEST DATA

**Dates:** October 8, 2018

**Brix:** 22.1 **pH:** 3.23 **TA:** 6.83 g/L

## BOTTLING DATA

**Production:** 244 cases

**Bottled:** March 14, 2019

**Released:** May 2019

**Alc.** 13.4% **pH:** 3.27 **TA:** 6.44 g/L

**FSO<sub>2</sub>:** 32 mg/L



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Summer went out with cooler than normal temperatures, and we enjoyed beautiful and exceptionally dry ripening weather in September and October with 40-50-degree diurnal swings nearly every day. As the fruit reached complete physiological maturity while basking in the warmth of the late season sun, we began harvesting “the winemaker’s dream”—grapes that were absolutely bursting with ripe fruit flavors; beautiful natural acidity; and round, plump tannins. Our last fruit came in on November 9.

## TASTING NOTES

Our Grenache was riper than expected when we harvested for rosé in early October, so we limited the skin contact time to a mere 45 minutes. The color is flat-out beautiful and invites a sniff and taste of ripe crushed strawberries, red plums, tangerine, and dried sage. The palate is crisp and dry but with delicious ripe fruit and a bright acidity that holds the minerality and wet stone nuances together. This is on the hedonistic side of rosé but has the concentration to improve over the next one to two years. Enjoy now through 2021. We just love to savor this wine by the pool on warm summer afternoons with pan-fried pork dumplings and a spicy plum sauce.



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