



## 2021 MELINDA'S ROSÉ

COMPOSITION	Proprietary blend Cabernet Franc, Granache, Mourvedre
HARVEST	August 27, 2021
AVA	Fairplay, CA
METHOD	Provençale
RELEASE DATE	March 2022
ALCOHOL	12.5 %
WINEMAKER	Julien Fayard

This dry Cabernet Franc Rosé is made Provençale style; skin stays in contact with juice in the press for less than an hour. Wine is fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks and ages for 5 -6 months on its lees.

This wine honors Melinda Taplin who fell in love with Provençal Rosé while living and working in France in the 1970's. She dreamed of making a Rosé in her native California, where she could share with friends. She lost her battle to breast cancer in 2015, the year of the first vintage. The family donates the profits of this wine to breast cancer research.

**WINEMAKERS' NOTES:** The 2021 vintage of Melinda's Rosé smells like summer in Provence – if you close your eyes, you can almost hear *le chant des cigales*. Floral and fragrant, the nose evokes sun-kissed strawberries and honeyed stone fruit with a touch of wild fennel in the background. The palate beams with bright citrus, red currant and watermelon notes along an elegant line of refreshing acidity. The rounded, tender texture invites a leisurely pause before continuing through the fresh peach and watermelon finish.