



2019 ROSILLO ROSÉ

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Syrah
PRODUCTION	500 cases
ALCOHOL	12.5%
RELEASE DATE	March 2020
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	6 Months
RATING	91 pts, Descorchados

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

As I write these notes it is an unusually warm and sunny day in Napa, California, my home when I am not in Casablanca. And who doesn't love a dry rose on a sunny day?

At first I was skeptical that making a Rosé of Syrah would be the right move. But each vintage has exceeded my expectations and now I am a convert. Maybe it is because Syrah ripens so late in our vineyard (it's pretty cold late in the fall there) that the wine is so bright and bracing. And the abundance of red pigment in Syrah grapes gives Rosillo a beautiful bright pink color every year.

The 2019 Rosillo leaps out of the glass. The aromatics are squarely in the fresh red fruit camp, with just a hint of fresh flowers that makes it super refreshing. Bright acidity, a core of juicy fruit and low alcohol make it highly quaffable; you might find yourself polishing off several glasses without even thinking about it!

Rosillo 2019 is the perfect picnic wine. The pink color looks great in the sunshine. And the fresh fruitiness and lively acid would compliment all manner of light springtime fare, from a baguette and a mild farmhouse cheese to a salad to seafood. Almost every night after work, when I am down at the winery, we relax on the deck overlooking the vineyard with a glass of something good and a bowl of salted peanuts. Rosillo would be perfect for that!

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

