

# VINTAGE 2022 CALIFORNIA ROSÉ

# JOSH PHELPS - WINEMAKER

On the night of July 20, 1969, we stared at the moon and listened to the radio chatter of the Apollo 11 astronauts. One voice boomed back to the listeners on Earth declaring, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." This brand focuses on the emotions at play during the American Space Age, producing a grounded authenticity that speaks of the wine inside.

# **WINEMAKER NOTES**

Our California Central Coast vineyards got off to a smooth start in 2022 with almost no frost, and mild conditions during bloom and fruit set. Summer was warm and dry, enabling us to harvest well before the late-season heat at excellent maturity. The resulting 2022 SPACE AGE ROSÉ captures perfectly the enticingly fresh, crisp flavors of the grapes we noted in the freshly picked fruit.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Gentle winemaking techniques once again yielded our trademark "eye of the partridge" color. The wine shows a burst of clean, crisp strawberry, raspberry flavors, with a hints of Myer lemon and watermelon that emerge in the lingering finish. Fresh natural acidity ensures that the wine is fresh and vibrant.

# VINEYARD SOURCES

We work with a small group of select growers throughout California, located mainly in Santa Barbara, Monterey, and the interior valleys. They continue to provide us with superb Grenache and Cinsault from sandy, well-drained soils. Cooling offshore winds help preserve fruit-driven flavors and natural acidity. We focus on well-established vineyard blocks capable of providing the bright, exciting freshness of flavors that are necessary to produce this Space Age Rosé.

## **FERMENTATION**

After being picked cold in the early morning hours, we follow a rigorous program modeled after the techniques used to produce our favorite southern-France rosés. Whole clusters go directly to into the press upon arrival and the delicate juice is slowly fermented at ultra-low temperatures. The wine is bottled early, in order preserve maximum freshness.

### GWCo.

Founded by winemaker Josh Phelps, Grounded Wine Co. is an all American, grassroots brand that strips back the layers to focus on what's in the bottle.

### COMPOSITION

93% Grenache, 7% Cinsault

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 12%** 

