



## MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

# Rosé of Syrah

VINTAGE 2012

### TASTING NOTES

Our Rose of Syrah makes a great summer wine for the adventurous wine enthusiasts trying to beat the heat. Inviting aromas of cherry and strawberry fill the glass. The mouthful is crisp and dry with tart cranberry and Granny Smith apple on the palate. Light-bodied with vibrant acidity and spice guide the way to a refreshing tasting experience.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

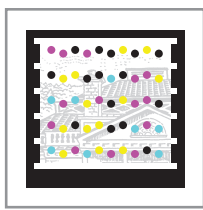
**Knollwood Vineyard**      *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

The 2012 Rose of Syrah was harvested on two separate picks. It is 100% estate grown from our vineyards. The early pick was in late August, and the grapes were picked at low sugar and high acid. This first wine was almost clear with a very light tinge of pink, low in alcohol and had a bracing acidity. The second pick was nearly two months later in mid-October. This fruit was fully ripe, deep in color and full of spicy dark berry fruit. For the rose, we immediately saigned (bled) the juice after crushing to avoid too much color and tannin extraction. This second wine was a nice Copper River salmon color, was higher in alcohol, lower in acidity and had nice spicy fruit. Through trials, we blended the early and later picks together. Our goal was to make a dry rose, low in alcohol and tart on the palate, that could be enjoyed on its own in the summer, or be paired with some nice light summer fare I really enjoy the tartness of the wine, as it is in contrast to other riper offerings that we have on our tasting menu.

Alcohol - 13.2%

### FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Watermelon and Heirloom Tomato Salad



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