



2017 ROSÉ OF SANGIOVESE COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition:	100% Sangiovese
Appellation:	Columbia Valley
Bottled:	January 16, 2018
Technical Data:	Alc. 13.1% by vol.; RS: .9869%; TA: 6.56 g/L; pH: 3.00
Cases Produced:	7,288
Production & Aging:	Stainless steel fermentation

THE VINTAGE

2017 was a warmer than average year and the growing season began slowly. Bud break occurred a couple of weeks later than usual, especially when compared to the last few harvests. The late bud break was due to the substantial cold weather that occurred in Washington State during the winter of 2016. Temperatures then rose dramatically in late June through July. The extreme heat caused vines to shut down, which further delayed harvest. Some grapes that are customarily picked early were harvested significantly later than historical dates, although this varied throughout the state. The upsides to the lengthened harvest were longer hang times and agreeable flavor development in the red varieties that need more time to age on the vine. In white varieties, acids were held which resulted in improved balance. Wines from this vintage will age longer if red, and whites will have more pronounced zing.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from the award-winning Tudor Hills Vineyards in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes, destemmed then into the press. They were left overnight to extract color from the skins before being gently pressed the following morning to recover their juice. This overnight soaking allowed for maximum color and fruit extraction from the skins without the harder tannin extraction as seen in red wines. The wine was fermented at 50°F for thirty days to ensure the wine's fruit character was preserved to its fullest.

TASTING NOTES

Striking red currant, strawberry and watermelon characteristics on the nose with hints of hibiscus and rhubarb. These aromas transition effortlessly to the palate with a sweet and jazzy balanced finish.

AWARDS

Gold/Best Rosé Wine; 2018 Northwest Wine Summit



Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year
Wine Press Northwest, 2015

Winery of the Year
San Francisco International, 2014

Top 10 Winery of the World
World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014

Winemaker of the Year
INDY International, 2013