



2019  
ROSÉ  
NAPA VALLEY

**M**ITSUKO'S VINEYARD, located in the cool Carneros region, has proven over the years to have great influence in cool-climate wine styles. Purchased by Clos Pegase as bare land in 1989, the winery has continued to refine the vineyard's planting in order to maximize the site's potential.

#### HARVEST NOTES

A wet start to the year helped recharge the soil moisture profiles in all our vineyards, delivering much needed relief to all regions. Cool conditions persisted throughout the spring, with overcast weather during flowering that resulted in lowering yields. This was followed by cool temperatures leading into early summer, which further delayed fruit development. Conditions gradually improved as we entered summer, with warmer temperatures encouraging the vineyards to “catch up” from the sluggish start. Warm and dry weather throughout harvest meant the grapes could be given sufficient time to stay on the vine and develop the intense flavors we look for during maturity. The long Indian summer meant we had a relatively late harvest, with the last of our grapes being picked at the start of November.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

The Malbec, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc grapes harvested for our 2019 Rosé were picked and sorted in the vineyard. Upon arrival at the winery, our Malbec grapes were destemmed and pressed immediately, while we went for the traditional saignée method for the Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc grapes. This method both concentrates the flavor and structure of our red wines plus allows us to make a crisp, dry, aromatic Rosé. Following juice extraction, a long, cool fermentation took place lasting around three weeks. The wines were prevented from going through malolactic fermentation and then aged *sur lie* in tank for a further three months before blending and bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Rosé opens with a delicate nose of strawberries and cream, Turkish delight and melon, while the palate exhibits refreshing notes of green apple, nettle, lychee and guava. The style is dry with crisp acidity, making it refreshing and thirst quenching.

#### TECHNICAL INFO

##### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Malbec  
20% Pinot Noir  
20% Cabernet Franc

##### VINEYARD

100% Mitsuko's Vineyard, Carneros

##### HARVEST DATES

September 23rd, 2019

##### FERMENTATION

100% tank fermented

##### AGING

3 months in tank *sur lie*

##### BOTTLING DATE

January 16th, 2020

##### ALCOHOL

13.0%

##### PRODUCTION

983 cases (12 x 750ml)

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