

DRY ROSE (2015)

Story Behind the Wine

On a hot Texas day, one of our favorite things to do is crack a bottle of Dry Rosé. The Brennan Vineyards Dry Rosé is a beautiful Rhone style blend of fruit from our Newburg vineyard (just outside of Comanche, Texas) as well as fruit from the caprock escarpment region known as the Texas High Plains. Long story short, Dry Rosé has become a significant part of our wine program mostly due to the fact that we enjoy drinking it; and because there could not be a more perfect pairing for the Texas climate.

Vintage Notes

The 2015 harvest was yet again another roller coaster of a vintage. This time spring freeze was not the reason. Rain, rain, and more rain was the issue. Once we escaped with no freezes we thought we were home free. Brennan Vineyards saw over 20" of rain in May alone. It rained so much during the growing season that it was very difficult to spray our vineyards. What looked like another high quailty/yielding year wound up for many producers being filled with rot and mildew. Thankfully, Brennan Vineyards saw very little damage or loss from the wet season.

Harvest Notes & Vinification

Harvest Period: August 20th, 2015

Fruit: 4.6 Tons from Newburg Vineyard Mourvèdre; 2.0 Tons from Reddy Vineyard Grenache Yeast: Red Fruit

Vinification: Mechanically harvested and pressed. Tank fermented at 52 F.

Finished Wine: pH 3.38 0.1% Residual Sugar

Production: 395 Cases

Tasting Notes

Appearance: Star-bright and pale peach-salmon in color, with a slightly watery rim.

Nose: Youthful and medium intensity fruit aromas of strawberry, lychee, and golden rasperries. Non-fruit aromas present are gardenia blossoms and honeysuckle.

Palate: This is a dry and light bodied wine. Fruit flavors of delicate slightly ripe strawberry and pomegranate are present on the front of the palate, however as the finish proceeds it is accompanied by notes of honey and jasmine. A luxurious mouth feel makes this the perfect sipping wine.

Pair this with a fruit based salsa on warm afternoons, soft cheeses, and quiche Lorraine or Lobster Benedict at brunch.

Wine Composition

71% Mourvèdre from Newburg Vineyard 29% Grenache from Reddy Vineyard, Texas High Plains