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Producer Background

Winery: Ion Wine

Country: US

Region: California (Lodi and Mendocino)

Description: Obsessed with all things wine and an experienced winemaker for the last decade, Benjamin Flajnik prides himself on crafting drinkable dry rosé wine that blends California's ripe fruit with a mineral European sensibility. Drawing fruit from top sites, Flajnik started Ion because rosé wine is fun, light and in his opinion, "should always be consumed with oysters and/or caviar".

Wine Notes – 2019 Ion Rose, California

Sourced from sustainably farmed vineyards in Lodi and Mendocino, Ion pays homage to the famed roses of Provence with its dry, mineral-driven approach. Both vineyards are cropped at four tons per acre and cane pruned to guarantee that only the best grapes make it into the winemaking process. Winemaker Ben Flajnik's "slow and low" philosophy emphasizes high acidity and low alcohol. In addition, Flajnik ferments the wine at very low temperatures in 100% stainless steel to maintain the freshness and brightness of the grapes and keeps the wine on lees for four months to create additional depth and character. The result is a bright, refreshing beauty that seamlessly blends citrus and floral notes with minerality.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:

48% Pinot Noir, 34% Cinsault, 11% Zinfandel, 6% Grenache

Vineyard Region:

California –Lodi (Clements Hills Vineyard) and Mendocino

Vine Age / Yields:

16 years old / 4 tons per acre

Production Volume:

1,000cs total

Wine-Making / Vinification:

Sustainably farmed, cropped at 4 tons / acre and cane pruned

Fruit harvested at 24 brix to ensure high acid and low alcohol

Slow and low winemaking process – 100% stainless steel

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freshness and brightness of the fruit

Wine rested on lees for 4 months to gain additional depth and character

Alcohol / Volume:

12.0%

Residual Sugar:

0.3 g/L

Acidity:

6.5 g/L

pH:

3.22