Hogwash Rosé

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Tuck Beckstoffer creates world-class wines. As the President of Tuck Beckstoffer Wines he produces a dozen of Napa Valley’s most exciting and sought-after wines. Working with a spectrum of varietals, Tuck gives the consumer unparalleled quality in a range of prices. Pioneers of the Napa Valley grape growing industry, the Beckstoffer family made the vineyards both their lives and their livelihood. When not playing in the vineyards, Tuck was learning about them. 1975 marked his first harvest, and since then Tuck can’t remember a harvest when he hasn’t tasted, smelled and picked the fruit straight from the vine. Extensive viticultural knowledge drove a desire to learn more about the winemaking process. Studies with winemaking legends in wineries both at home and abroad only whetted Tuck’s appetite to create a wine of his own. After making Tuck Beckstoffer Cabernet Sauvignon in 1997 to critical acclaim, collectors and connoisseurs asked for more. That demand continues today.

According to Jancis Robinson, one of the many challenges facing rosé is its name -- to which Tuck says, Hogwash! His lighthearted pink wine possesses superb body reminiscent of a light red wine with a persistent, beautifully concentrated finish. Hogwash was created as an infinitely quaffable wine meant for any occasion, especially a nice summer day.

The rise in popularity of great California Rose continues and the 2014 Vintage of Hogwash by Tuck Beckstoffer is yet another great example of rosé at its finest! As presumptuous and precious as wine tends to get, it’s refreshing to see a wine with little ostentation yet deliver in the glass. Tuck Beckstoffer, who has spent his life in Napa vineyards, created this Rosé of Grenache in a Provence style when he was asked to make a wine for a pig roast at an Atlanta wine auction. It was such a hit that he continued to make it.

This was produced both by Saignée method as well as dedicated skin-contact method for the other. It utilizes two Grenache vineyards in Mendocino County and the Central Coast. It was handpicked on the early side for the skin-contact ferment and the remaining portion was a saignée of his prized Melée wine. Tuck puts it another way, as it is "an infinitely quaffable byproduct of some of our more serious reds."

Composition

100% Grenache

Production

2,000 cases

Vineyards

Two sites in Mendocino County & Central Coast

Tasting Notes

This wine is purely and simply summertime in a glass. The 2014 Hogwash Rosé displays a pale salmon-pink color and a beautiful and lively nose that showcases aromas of watermelon candy, red cherries, red current and rose water. Medium bodied, it has incredible vibrancy that combines with its great finish to create a wine that is both a very serious rose wine but has something for everyone.

Reviews

None

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