RELEASED SPRING/SUMMER 2023

NERO D'AVOLA ROSATO 2022

90% Nero d'Avola, 10% Negroamaro Mendocino County · 411 Cases



TASTING NOTE

Leave the strawberry rhubarb pie cooling on the counter, lace up your skates, and feel the sunshine. This restorative expression of our one-night-wine serves up compelling acidity and a concentrated dose of sweet (but technically dry) nostalgia.

VINEYARD

Nero d'Avola and Negroamaro from Bricarelli Ranch, Ukiah, Mendocino County; head-trained, dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vineyard, farmed by us according to organic principles (no pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers); gravelly loam benchland soils, where Italian farming families first planted vineyards (reserving the rich valley floors for vegetables).

VINIFICATION

Whole clusters (stems intact) of Nero d'Avola and Negroamaro foot tread for an overnight maceration on skins before pressing the following day. Cofermented and aged in neutral tanks and neutral oak barrique for 6 months. Unfined. Filtered for stability.

MARTHA'S NOTE

Vino di una notte... This translates to 'one night wine' and refers to the technique of crushing grapes and leaving them to macerate on skins (and in our case, stems) in their own juice overnight, adding color, texture, and complexity. I love using this technique with our Nero d'Avola because it produces a wine that falls between rosé and a red wine—zippy and bright like a rosé but textured and robust like a red wine. New for 2022, we co-fermented our youngest dry-farmed Nero d'Avola vines at Bricarelli Ranch with the adjacent rows of Negroamaro and bottled with 9 g/L residual sugar. Technically this rosato is a "dry" wine with less than 1% remaining sugar, but that little touch of sweetness adds body and a stronger wild strawberry core to a perennial favorite cuvée.

AT BOTTLING

(February 2023): 12.5% alc/vol·Free SO2 4 mg/L, Total SO2 34 mg/L

Martha Stoumen



All of our wines are fermented with native yeast and bacteria, are vegan, and have no additions beyond minimal effective sulfites for some wines, as listed.