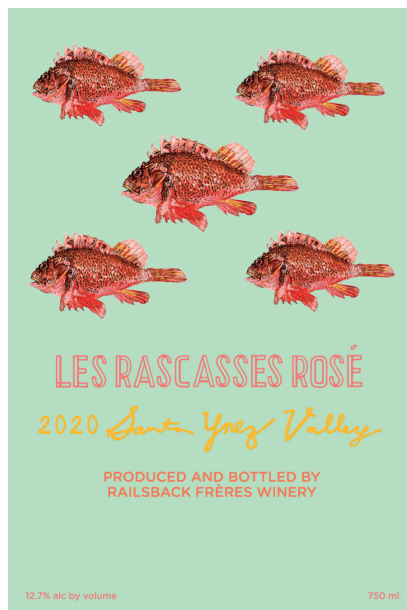


the RAILSBACK FRÈRES

2021 Les Rascasses Rosé



Encépagement

42% Mourvèdre
(Camp Four Vineyard
& Emily's Vineyard)

35% Grenache Noir
(Camp Four Vineyard)

23% Cinsault
(Camp Four Vineyard
& Nolan Ranch)

Place

Santa Ynez Valley, Alisos
Canyon AVA

*Harvested between Sept 20th-
Oct 14th at 20-21.1 Brix*

pH

3.34-3.53

TA

4.2-6.8

ALC

11.9%

Production

2,400 cases

Story

Vintage 2021 was quite cool at our winery in the Santa Maria Valley, albeit noticeably less so down in Santa Ynez where we source the majority of our fruit. We began gathering grapes on September 15th and finished 30 days later on October 14th, in contrast to 2020 when we began ten days earlier on September 5th and also finished earlier on Oct 6th. As an overall indication of the vintage, we picked both Syrah and Carignan before our friends at Presqu'île finished their Pinot Noir, which was the first time in the history of our estates with such a reversal of ripeness between the two microclimates.

All three Mediterranean varieties we harvest for rosé came in at what we consider optimal ripeness levels, and thanks to the addition of a new vineyard, we now have even more Mourvèdre in the cépage this year. Compared to the previous harvest of 2020 overall, 2021 was cooler-- as you will notice from the harvest data, all of which materialized without issues during fermentation. At this nascent stage, the wines are clean and fresh, with bright, floral aromas. Having completed a secondary/malolactic fermentation without any difficulty the texture and body offer good equilibrium to such a fresh vintage.

The reason we began making wine together as Railsback Frères was to produce rosé, inspired by Lulu Peyraud and the old style of Bandol rosé. We are invigorated by the early results of our 2021 "Les Rascasses" and hope that this vintage would make Lulu proud!