

# Rosé

2023

## EARLY MOUNTAIN

### WINE DESCRIPTION

White peach, orange pith, gooseberry, and apricot drive the aromas of this wine, which are echoed by Meyer lemon, strawberry leaf, elderflower, and orange blossom on the palate. The acidity is well balanced and the texture prolongs the presence on the palate, leaving a feeling of freshness and energy. The wine is layered with flavor, but no single note demands the spotlight, instead they all operate in beautiful harmony.

### WINEMAKER NOTE

We ferment our rosé in multiple small lots, utilizing different extraction and fermentation methods on each, providing for the greatest expression of our estate vineyard. In 2023, we made a few notable changes, adding more early-picked Malbec to the blend, with skin contact Merlot to drive additional color and depth. We chose to direct-press the Malbec to capture bright acidity and fresh stone fruit aromas. The inclusion of Cabernet Franc provides the herbal and savory notes that have always played a supporting role in this wine. Overall, this vintage has a bit more brightness to it, coming from the cool evenings and very dry season, as well as a more delicate color. The citrus tones play a leading role, edging the berry character to the side, just a bit, and this wine reflects our classic style - fresh, energetic and thirst quenching.

### WINEMAKER

Maya Hood White

### In the Vineyard

2023 was an excellent vintage with balanced whites and reds featuring ripe intensity and richness. It was one of the most recent standout vintages. After a very mild winter, we saw warm and dry days throughout the spring, leading into bloom time. Temperate weather throughout bloom resulted in fully set clusters. As the season progressed, we continued to experience very hot and dry days, along with cool nights, allowing for steady sugar accumulation and good acid retention. With this exceptional season for ripening, our harvest started on the earlier side and provided wines with phenological ripeness and aromatic complexity.



### COMPOSITION

63% Merlot  
29% Malbec  
6% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

### VINEYARD

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### AGING

Stainless steel and acacia barrel.

### CELLARING

This wine is meant to be enjoyed within two years.

### TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 1,700  
Bottled: 19 February, 2024  
Yeast: Ambient & Cultured  
Alcohol: 11.3%

pH: 3.32  
TA: 6.2 g/L  
RS: 0.71 g/L