

ACORN

2012 Rosato

Alegría Vineyards, Russian River Valley

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blended wines. Our food-friendly wines fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

To honor the land and maintain it for future generations, our farming is sustainable and labor-intensive. Inter-planting different varieties to be harvested together requires individualized attention to each vine. Hand tending, ten or more times a season, ensures a balanced crop and flavorful wines that are distinctive expressions of each vintage.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

Like our Medley, our Rosato changes from year to year, highlighting different varieties we grow in our Alegría Vineyards. The 2012 Rosato is made from seven different varieties, picked over four different days. Co-fermenting multiple varieties makes the wine flavorful and complex.

First, we picked two pink-skinned grapes, Einset and Suffolk. Although extended skin contact is not the norm when making rosé, we fermented these two together on their skins, as we would in making a red wine. The extra skin contact added weight and structure to the final Rosato blend.

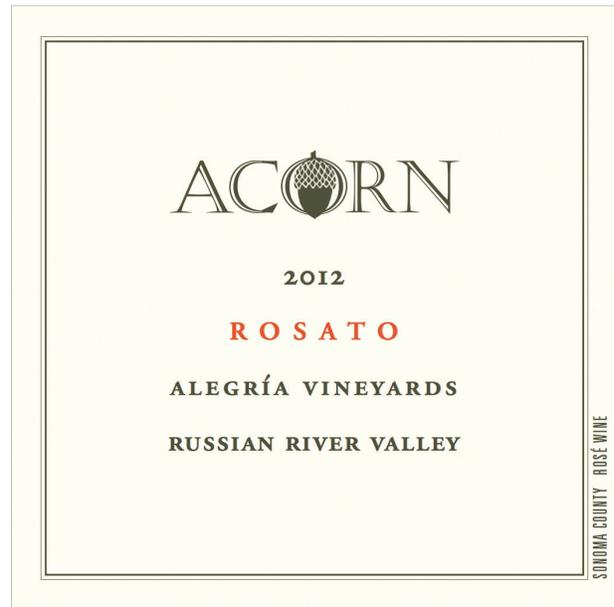
Next we picked and crushed a mix of Zinfandel, Syrah, Sangiovese, and Cabernet Franc. On two other days, we picked and crushed Zinfandel with Petite Sirah. With each of these three lots, we drained the juice off the skins within 24 hours of crushing and lightly pressed the remaining must.

The juice without skins was then fermented to dryness with native and cultured yeast in stainless steel drums. After fermentation was complete, we blended the lots and racked the wine to neutral oak barrels to age three months before bottling.

Tasting Notes

An alluring pale cherry hue and enticing aromas of strawberry, watermelon, and floral notes present a delightfully appealing entry. The refreshing, dry palate offers bright Queen Anne cherry and melon flavors, while the vibrant acidity and a creamy texture enhance and retain the flavors into a lengthy finish.

Although our Rosato is like springtime in a glass, it pairs well with all seasons. From summertime prosciutto and melon, to grilled salmon, to Thanksgiving turkey or onion tart, Rosato is a wonderful accompaniment to your meals year round.



Composition

A vineyard blend of 40% Zinfandel, 33% Syrah, 11% Sangiovese, 8% Petite Sirah, 6% Einset, 1% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Suffolk.

Vintage	2012
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	Sept. 20, Oct. 3, 4, & 9, 2012
Brix	Average 22° Brix
Barrel Aging	3 months
Barrel Program	88% French, 12% American
Bottled	Feb. 6, 2013
Alcohol	13%
pH	3.45
T.A.	7.67g/L
Release Date	May 2013
Case Production	233

