

BEBAME

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We love transparent, delicious, easy, characterful, and deeply flavorful wines that are finely structured and relatively low in alcohol: Chinon, Bourgeuil, Beaujolais, Mondeuse, Marzemino, Lagrein, Barbera, Albarino, Vermentino, Txakolina you get the idea. What we don't understand is why this style of wine is rarely made in the New World. While there is a school of thought that says New World wine has to be richer, higher in alcohol, and riper, we don't buy it. We believe that if the grapes are planted on cool, appropriate sites, well-farmed, picked ripe at reasonable sugar levels, and truly minimally handled in the cellar, we can make just such wines without compromise in the New World.

THE VINEYARDS

CAMINO ALTO: CABERNET FRANC, EL DORADO COUNTY, AVERAGE AGE OF VINES 15 YEARS, 2900 FOOT ELEVATION, NORTH-NORTHEAST EXPOSURE, VOLCANIC CLAY LOAM (AIKEN SERIES LOAM).

BARSAOTTI: CABERNET FRANC, EL DORADO COUNTY, AVERAGE AGE OF VINES 8 YEARS, GAMAY, EL DORADO COUNTY. AVERAGE AGE OF VINES 15 YEARS OLD. 3000 FOOT ELEVATION, NORTH-NORTHWEST EXPOSURE, GRANITE AND VOLCANIC SOIL.

THE VINEYARDS ARE FARMED WITH MINIMAL IRRIGATION (AS NEEDED, USUALLY ONCE OR TWICE IN AUGUST, NEVER ON A SCHEDULE), MINIMAL TREATMENTS (RARELY, ONLY AS NEEDED, NEVER ON A SCHEDULE). MANAGED WITH THE GOAL OF EVEN RIPENING AND MAXIMUM FLAVOR; CANOPY PRUNED TO BOTH OPEN THE GRAPE BUNCHES TO LIGHT AND SHADE FROM INTENSE HEAT, AND TO CONCENTRATE ENERGY TO THE GRAPES, BUNCHES THINNED IN JULY TO CONCENTRATE FLAVOR, THINNED AGAIN IN LATE AUGUST TO ENSURE EVENLY RIPE FRUIT..

ROSÉ



Varietal/Blend: 93% Cabernet Franc / 7% Gamay

Farming: practicing organic

Soil: clay and granite soils

Vine Age: 2000-2008

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: stainless steel

Aging:

Alcohol: 12.0%

Fined: none

Filtered: none

Production #s: 300 cases

Country: United States

Region: Sierra Foothills

Sub Region: El Dorado County

Vineyard: estate

Vineyard Size: