

# KALPELA

## 2020 ROSÉ OF CARIGNANE MENDOCINO COUNTY

### Background

Carignane is an old-world variety originally from Spain that worked its way into southern France, where it has become one of the most important varieties grown in the Languedoc-Roussillon region. Mendocino County is the largest producer of Carignane in the premium wine growing regions of California, with the majority of the vineyards being old-vine.

In the 2020 Vintage we had a late rainfall and a long growing season in Mendocino County that was marked by a warm spring, the hottest summer on record, but a moderate autumn - almost perfect grape growing conditions. We also had a perfect harvest season with large diurnal temperature shifts and no rains or frost.

### Vineyards

This rose of Carignane comes primarily from our 70 year-old Vincenzo Vineyard which is located in the white clay-loam benchland soils near the Calpella Township in Mendocino County. This unique soil and the excellent exposure of this vineyard have combined to produce grapes that are intensely ripe and flavorful.

### Winemaking

This wine was produced by the direct to press method, where we crushed, pressed and cold settled the juice before racking it to French Burgundy oak barrels and fermenting it to total dryness. The grapes were hand-harvested at 22 degrees brix. After five months of "sur-lie" aging, the wine was racked off its lees, fined, and filtered.

### Winemaker Comments

The color of this wine is a bright bubblegum pink. Refreshing aromas and flavors of cranberry and white raspberry with a light splash of pink grapefruit that is nicely balanced by mouth-watering acidity. The wine has a crisp dry finish.

### Winemaking Data

#### Harvest

Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Fermentation & Aging

Fermentation: 11 days in barrels

Aging: 5 months in French

Burgundy barrels

ML: 10%

#### Wine

Blend: 95% Carignane, 5% Sangiovese

Alcohol: 13.3%

Total Acidity: 8.4 g/L

pH: 2.99

Residual Sugar: 0.3 g/L



### Food Pairing:

Wonderful as a stand-alone aperitif or pair it with seafood, pasta salad with smoked chicken and raspberries or most Pacific Rim cuisine.

### For Additional Information

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