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WINES BY THE GLASS

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ROSÉ

**Matthiasson, Rosé, California, 2021** \$19/gls, \$76/btl



Serious, yet approachable. This applies to the wines of Matthiasson, as well as Steve and Jill, the husband-and-wife team behind them. With Steve as vine-growing consultant for notable clients including Araujo Estate, Chappellet, Robert Sinskey, Spottswoode, Stags Leap Wine Cellars, and Trefethen, and with Jill's bachelor's in botany from UPenn and master's in agriculture from UC Davis, the wines they craft excite wine novices and nerds alike. Steve's approach to harvesting grapes, by picking them 3 weeks early, gives the final product a freshness, a vivaciousness not often found in California, let alone anywhere in the New World.

The grapes for this rosé were sourced from both Yolo and Napa counties; as such, it is only labeled as a California wine.

- **Grapes:** 40% grenache, 18% barbera, 16% counoise (coon-WAHZ), 14% syrah, and 12% mourvèdre
- **Winemaking:** No malolactic fermentation. Aged on the lees for several weeks in stainless steel.
- **Profile:** Bright, light, and pretty, but with a shredded core of minerality ... both beautiful and focused. Zingy white fruit and melon (white peach, white raspberry, watermelon rind), lemon thyme, orange and grapefruit zests