

2005 PINK La Grenouille Rouganté

Napa Valley

THE BLEND

98% Valdiguie (Napa Gamay) 2% Petite Sirah

PRODUCTION

1,118 cases

RELEASE DATE

March 2006

STATISTICS

harvest ~ October 18 and 19 20.3° brix at harvest 12% alcohol 3.11 pH 5.9g/L total acidity 0.54% residual sugar crushed directly to press

WINEMAKERS

John Williams Paula Moschetti

A BRIEF HISTORY

Our Napa Valley La Grenouille Rouganté "Pink" is primarily composed of the French varietal Valdiguie (known in the United States as Napa Gamay) with just a splash of Petite Sirah. During the early part of the twentieth century Gamay vineyards were plentiful in the Napa Valley. A century later, just a few of these old-vine vineyards can still be found. Our Pink comes from vines dating back eighty years. These old vines continue to produce small amounts of fruit with plenty of Gamay character. This variety is not an intense one, in color nor the depths of its flavors. Truly, Gamay rarely makes a compelling red wine but lends itself perfectly to an attractive rosé. A very light handling of this fruit, to retain its delicate aromas and bright fruit flavors was our goal in making this a fun, light refreshing drinking wine.

ABOUT THE WINE

With a nod to the great rosés from the Côtes du Provence, the 2005 Frog's Leap Pink can be summed up as "the best of a summer's day". The bright salmon color is followed by aromas of watermelon and strawberry laced with subtle hints of white summer flowers. Clean and refreshing, this basketful of strawberry, sour cherry and watermelon flavors is balanced perfectly with a bright acidity that keeps the wine lively through its long, dry finish. The result is a delightfully flavorful yet dry rosé: easy to drink by the glass or grab a carafe and share with friends over a picnic.