2021 Ruth Lewandowski Wines *Rosé*

The Wine

We saw some better yields for vintage 2022, not “normal,” per se but far better than ’21, thankfully. As a result, the Rosé sticks a bit closer to the OG Portuguese focused theme with all the aroma, flavor and textural signatures of these deeper red varieties we’ve come to know and love. The vast majority of the blend remains Touriga Nacional, Souzao, and Tinta Roriz, however, we peppered in a tiny bit of Sauvignon Blanc as we did last year since we received such great feedback from all of you.

The Vineyards

By volume, the wine is ~90% from the illustrious Fox Hill Vineyard where we’ll focus our gaze.
Soil: Sandy, rocky clay loam. Alluvium, derived from sedimentary rock - mainly sandstone.
Aspect: South facing slope, Hilltop, north facing slope
Elevation: 650ft above sea level
Vine training: Head trained, bush vine (Touriga and Souzao) and cane pruned (Tinta Roriz)
Vine age: ~40 years

The Winemaking

Tinta Roriz was whole cluster / direct pressed (no skin contact)
Touriga Nacional & Souzao were foot trodden together and pressed post ~2 hours maceration
Natural primary fermentation with no temperature control or fermentation aids of any sort
Full native malolactic conversion
5 months on lees, one racking before blending/bottling
Unfined and unfiltered
no sulfur

The Numbers

Harvest date: varies
Average brix at harvest: 19.2
pH: 3.53
TA: 6.4 g/L
abv: 10.9%
Total so2: none detectable
Total cases produced: 1350

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