



2008 DRY SYRAH ROSE

“Light salmon pink, cherry, bright subtle layers”
Dick Rosano, *WAMU radio* Feb 2010

In the spirit of Praxis where practice makes perfect, Bill gets to play a little as a winemaker. He had not made a rose for over twenty years, but wanted to explore the style again. The Syrah grapes are from the heart of the Alexander Valley; the same vineyard where we source our Merlot.

The grapes for this second vintage of Syrah Rose were slightly riper than our 2007 grapes creating a wine that is fuller and richer. The wine is a beautiful salmon color with a floral, strawberry nose. Flavors of strawberry, watermelon and guava are accented by a little spice and vanilla. The wine is dry and has bright acidity with a medium body.

Varietal:	100% Syrah	Alcohol:	14.2%
% Malolactic:	0	Appellation:	Alexander Valley
TA (g/100 ml):	.72	Brix at Harvest:	23.2
pH:	3.5	Residual Sugar:	.1 gm/100ml
Winemaker:	Bill Arbios	Production:	450 cases

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