



## 2020 José Rosé Estate Middleburg AVA and Virginia

### **PRODUCTION NOTES**

Our “José” Rosé is made from 100% Virginia grapes, grown locally in Loudoun County at 61% Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon Greenstone Vineyard (managed by Dean Triplett), 6% Cabernet Franc from Timberville Vineyards (Baer Mountain), and 33% of the fruit grown here on the Estate. Greenstone Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon 61%, Timberville Cabernet Franc 6%, Casanel’s estate grown Carménère 12%, Cabernet Sauvignon 10%, and Norton 11%. It is also made by using both the direct pressing method (61%) as well as by the bleeding method, or saignée method (39%). After hand-harvesting and sorting in the vineyard, the grapes were gently transported into small lugs and were stored for one night in a cold room. The day after, the grapes were sorted again on a sorting table before pressing (for the direct pressing method). Cold-settling occurred for a night and then alcoholic fermentation started in stainless steel tank. This wine was fermented and aged entirely in stainless steel. In April, we proceeded to protein stabilize and cold stabilize before hand-bottling on the Estate in May.

### **TASTING & FOOD PAIRING NOTES**

***Color is pale rose gold – peach – strawberry – mandarin oranges – minerality – floral blossoms – crispy and fresh – nice acidity***

Lighter dishes – goes well with lighter meats, barbeque, summer salad – fresh fruits & cheese

### **PRODUCTION DETAILS**

Vintage Year: 2020

Vineyard: Casanel Vineyards (estate), Greenstone Vineyards (Leesburg), and Timberville Vineyards (Staunton)

Appellation: AVA Middleburg and Virginia

Composition: Greenstone Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon 61%, Timberville Cabernet Franc 6% Casanel Carménère 12%, Cabernet Sauvignon 10% and Norton 11%

Average Vine Age: 20+ years

Harvest date (for direct pressing method): 9/17/2020

Harvest Date (for saignée): 9/22 (cab franc), 9/27 (carmèneré), 10/23 (cab sauv), and 10/26 (norton)

Bottling date: 5/5/2020

Yeast: RMS2 and Delta

PH: 3.38

Alcohol: 12%

Residual Sugar: 0.05 g/l

Aging: 100% stainless steel

Aging time: 7 months

Cases produced: 141 cases

Cellaring: Enjoy it now until 2023