

# NADEAU

*Family Vintners*

## 2011 Rosé “The Gaze” Paso Robles

### The Winery

Nadeau Family Vintners is the result of years of effort by Robert Nadeau and his wife, Patrice. Together they renovated a tiny barn in the mountains west of Paso Robles, transforming it into an efficient, well-equipped micro-winery. Old-world styled vineyards have been planted on the slopes surrounding the building...most of the planting is dedicated to dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel, with an acre or so devoted to Grenache Noir and Petite Sirah. Situated at the top of Peachy Canyon, the property is generally above the morning fog and usually receives as much as twice the rainfall seen below in Paso Robles.

### The Wine

We're very excited to present our first Rosé offering. We've wanted to produce a dry rosé for quite some time now, so in 2011 we decided to set out to craft a dry rosé wine. We couldn't be happier with the results! The wine is perfectly balanced – crisp acidity, round mouthfeel, appealing fruity aromas, and a gorgeous dark “salmon pink” color.

The whimsical artwork on the label was commissioned by local artist Denise Braun-Bundy. It depicts a beautiful siren (mermaid.) According to lore, sirens were able to seduce passing sailors by hypnotizing them, then luring them into the sea -- at which time the siren would eat the unwitting sailors. Fear not, for seafarers and “land lubbers” alike face no risk when quaffing a chilled bottle of this wine.

### The Blend

60% Mourvedre  
20% Zinfandel (Estate)  
20% Petite Sirah

### The Vital Statistics

100% Paso Robles Appellation  
100% 2011 Vintage

Harvest: October, 2009  
Sugar @ Harvest: Ranged from 22.8– 23.5 Brix.  
Finished Wine EtOH: 12.5% By Vol.

The grapes were crushed directly into our new Puleo bladder press. The resulting juice was cold settled for 3 days before inoculation and fermentation. The wine fermented dry after a 20 day fermentation. The wine was subsequently cold stabilized and readied for bottling. The wine was filtered and bottled in February 2012.

The 2011 Vintage yielded only 201 cases.

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