



The 2004 vintage was the third year of drought on the Central coast marked by near perfect summer growing conditions that were followed in September by extremely warm conditions. The change in weather was dramatic and unprecedented but at the same time created the opportunity for complete ripeness throughout the vineyard. Timely irrigation and vineyard management was a key to this vintage. Ample fruit maturity was a hallmark of the vintage and resulted in opulent, lush wines.

“Know ye that at the right hand of the Indies there is an island named California. Close to the terrestrial paradise it is inhabited by amazons and ruled by the warrior Queen Califia. Their weapons are all made of gold and everywhere abounds with gold and precious stones...” The origins of the name California, in common with El Dorado, Quivira, the Seven Cities of Cibola and other fantastic places sought by the Conquistadors is rooted in mythology and romance. In 1510 Spain the story of this magical place was published in “The Deeds of Esplandian.”

Promiscuous! A dry rosé fermented in neutral oak barrels with no malo-lactic fermentation. The Syrah component consists of saignée from destemmed but not crushed syrah berries after 3 days of cold soaking. Both the Syrah and Viognier were fermented with a Burgundian yeast normally used for Chardonnay.

Domaine at Moss Ridge--Paso Robles, Cargasacchi-Jalama Vineyard--Santa Barbara & Fralich Vineyards--Paso Robles.

Think pink viognier. This aromatic fruit cocktail in a glass has maximum yummy factor. Perfect for picnics, sipping as an aperitif or with antipasto. Aromatics of apricot, strawberry, pineapple and ripe fruit explode from the glass. A bright crisp mouth-feel and balanced minerality makes this dry rosé a delicious and elegant aperitif. As the result of several factors including extended skin contact by the rosé fraction, a high percentage of Viognier and extreme concentration, this wine will age for several years.

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