

BRAVANTE

Napa Valley

2017 Estate Grown Rosé of Merlot

The Bravante Vineyards 2017 Estate Rosé of Merlot is grown just below the house at our Stone Ridge Vineyard. Fifty-five percent of the juice is pressed cold right after harvest to preserve the freshness and maintain a lightness in body. On that same day, we crush our Estate Merlot from the rest of Block 1 for our red wines. After 24 hours of cold soaking, we do one pump over then 'Saignée' or bleed off the other 45% of the juice and blend the juices together. The juice from the red wine tank adds color and body. After they are blended, the resulting juice settles for another 24 hours, and then we rack the clear juice and commence the cool fermentation.

The 2018 Rosé of Merlot has bright aromas of strawberry, plums and floral hints of roses. This wine is round and supple, with a bit of tannin on the palate, so it can be enjoyed on the porch or with dinner. There are flavors of strawberries and Santa Rosa plums with a touch of spice that all carry through the finish.

Viticulture

Appellation:	100% Howell Mountain
Vineyard	100% Stone Ridge Vineyard
Varietal Content:	100% Merlot

Winemaking:

Bottling:	April 2018
Release date:	May 2018
Alcohol:	14.2%
Cases produced:	98 cases
Winemaker:	Duane D. Dappen
Vineyard Manager	Peter Murphy

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