LIOCO

2014 *Indica*
Mendocino County
Rosé of Carignan

AROMA
rose petals, watermelon rind, pomelo

FLAVOR
rhubarb, early strawberry, apricot pit

FOOD PAIRINGS
dim sum, ceviche, fried chicken

VINIFICATION
The fruit was hand harvested and the berries purposely "broken" before being whole-cluster pressed to a stainless steel tank. The wine was fermented cool and finished bone dry. It completed a long, slow malolactic fermentation which balanced the naturally high acidity. A gentle filtration was done prior to bottling.

SITE
We called every Mendocino grower whom we knew had Carignan. A friend of a friend of a friend led us to the McNab Vineyard in Redwood Valley. Like at Talmage, these were mid-century plantings of dry-farmed Mother Clone Carignan. We scooped up another 15 tons and narrowly escaped the disastrous yields.

NOTES
This 2014 Rosé of Carignan is the fifth year we've produced this wine. We opted to harvest this 2014 Rosé fruit about 1 degree riper than in previous years in the interest of bringing out a hint more fruit and texture. We are quite pleased with the results. Rather than macerating this wine on its skin to bring out some color, we opt to destem, crush and press it during a very long press cycle. The juice actually "colors" up in the press before going to tank for a cool fermentation. These cooler fermentation temps preserve some of the wine's delicate aromatics. The 2014 dropped so clear in tank that for the first time we did not have to sterile filter it. There's texture in this wine we've never had in previous attempts. Cool placement: JetBlue Airlines' Mint Class flights between JFK and SFO/LAX are featuring this wine BTG...perhaps the first ever in-flight Rosé.

DETAILS
Vineyard: Talmage
Appellation: n/a
County: Mendocino
Winemaker: John Raytek
Production: 1400 cases
Anticipated maturity: 1-2+ years post vintage
pH: 3.18
Brix 19.6°

Total acidity: 7 g/l
Residual sugar: 0.1 g/l
Alcohol: 12.6%
Yield 3-4 t/acre
Clones: Mother Clone
Harvest dates: 08/30/14
Bottling dates: 01/28/15

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