



MARIETTA CELLARS

Winemaker Scot Bilbro has been at the helm of Marietta since 2012; his father, Chris Bilbro, founded the winery in 1978.



Old Vine Rosé 2021

California, USA

ESTATE

Starting with only a handful of purchased grapes in 1978, Marietta Cellars has been a standout winery in Sonoma and Mendocino since the very start. Founded by Chris Bilbro, a Sonoma native with winemaking roots dated back three generations, Marietta rose to prominence with its revolutionary Old Vine Red, a California red blend that essentially created the category. The winery has slowly expanded its estate holdings over the past thirty years, evolving into a beacon for high quality, balanced Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, and Rhône variety blends.

WINE

Marietta's Old Vine Rosé is a perfect extension of the Old Vine series. Made in a Provençale, direct-press style from some of the oldest Syrah and Grenache vines in California, it is fresh, nuanced, and perfectly balanced to enjoy with food or on its own. As always with the "OVR" wines, it delivers a lot more substance and pleasure than you could expect.

VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine comes from Marietta's McDowell Valley estate, which is renowned for Rhône varietals and home to some of the oldest Syrah and Grenache Gris in California. These unique vines are six feet tall, head-trained, and dry farmed. This vineyard, in a valley surrounded by mountains, benefits from the cold sink that ensures cool nights and preserves acidity and freshness.

Farming: The Old Vine Rosé is made from 100% estate fruit, all of which is organically farmed

WINEMAKING

Variety: 50% Syrah, 25% Grenache Gris, 25% Grenache Noir

Fermentation: Whole cluster pressed, stainless steel fermented

Aging: Neutral oak barrels for 3 months with weekly lees stirring

Alcohol: 13.5%

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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"Medium cherry pink in color, the 2021 Old Vine Rosé has deep scents of yellow peaches, watermelon and red cherries with touches of stone and potpourri. The palate boasts concentrated, fruity flavors balanced by zippy acidity, and it finishes with pretty orange peel accents. This is such a delicious rosé! It's made up of co-fermented Grenache Gris, Grenache Noir and Syrah." -E.B 7/22

90 Wine Enthusiast

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