

Pillsbury Wine Company

2019 “One Night Stand” Rosé



Winery

After 30 years of making movies in New Zealand and Los Angeles, Sam Pillsbury turned his hand to wine making. Convinced that the Willcox, Arizona, altitude, geology and climate were perfect for making wine, he purchased land, planted grapevines and started to make some. Sam's wines are unapologetically good wines. Often when Arizona wines are presented, they include apologies for the quality (Arizona is still learning how to make wine) or cost (it's expensive getting going in a new region). Neither of these excuses are needed for Pillsbury Wines.

Vineyard

Pillsbury grapes come from their 100 acre, sustainable vineyard of 14,000 vines. The Winery is right on the vineyard, in what is now the Willcox AVA, in Cochise County Arizona, not far from Tombstone. The elevation is 4350 ft, with the average hottest temperature, 100 degrees, in the summer, dropping to 60 degrees at night. The winter temps are below freezing, with intermittent snow. The soil is well-drained igneous alluvial sandy loam, with a thin layer of caliche at 3 to 4 ft. The vines are irrigated with using low flow emitters. The water comes from their 450 foot deep wells.

Naming

The first Rosé Sam made was from grape vines purchased from his friend Dick Erath, purportedly Pinot Noir, but curiously looking like Table Grapes. Eventually, Sam managed to make a nice Rosé, but he pulled the vines and called this one-off wine “One Night Stand”. People loved this name, so he continued to use it on future Rosés, with the additional rationale that the wine stays on the skins for only one night!

Description

This crisp, refreshing Estate grown wine has hints of strawberry and watermelon, pairs with any food from pan-fried flounder to BBQ, or just enjoy a glass. Serve well chilled.

Winemaking

100% Estate fruit, hand harvested. 64% Grenache (clone from Chateau Beaucastel), and 36% Mourvèdre (Clone 450), slowly aged in stainless steel, 220 cases made.

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