

Decanter

Pius, Rosé, Paso Robles, Willow Creek, California, USA, 2023

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Tasted by: Jonathan Cristaldi
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Drinking Window: 2025 - 2028

From the Willow Creek AVA, this 100% Grenache rosé is fermented in stainless steel and neutral oak barrels, then aged in neutral oak before bottling. It offers elegant red berry fruit with a focused core of zesty minerality, showing lovely energy and tension throughout. Stylistically, it leans more towards Provence than the overripe, silky California rosé mould. Sourced from cooler, higher-elevation sites in Paso Robles, this is a standout example of site-driven finesse.