

# Heitz Cellar

## 2018 Grignolino Rosé St. Helena, Napa Valley



### Winemaker's Insight

The beautifully bright and vibrant pink hue of our Grignolino Rosé is the siren of spring and summer. For the 2018 vintage, we pressed our Grignolino grapes right away, much like producing a traditional white wine, as opposed to the saignée method, as our past vintages have been made. This direct press style has allowed us to showcase our Grignolino Rosé in its best form yet, with fresher, delicate textures in mind. Notes of ripe strawberry, peach, orange zest and grapefruit jump out of the glass and its fresh acidity makes this wine a perfect choice for warm weather days. The Grignolino grape is a little-known Italian red variety, farmed on our estate vineyard since 1961, that bursts with surprising flavors and a vivacious mouthfeel when made as a Rosé. The juicy texture, lively aromas, and refreshing palate are a treat to enjoy on its own or paired with your favorite spring and summer seasonal cuisine.

- Brittany Sherwood, Winemaker

### 2018 Vintage

The 2018 vintage was Mother Nature's reminder that patience and vigilance are necessary qualities when farming. The cooler weather throughout summer and into August translated to a later than normal start, harvesting our first pick on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Cycles of warmer and cooler weather caused maturity in waves, harvesting our Howell Mountain grapes first and then transitioning to our valley floor vineyards, ending with a picking frenzy leading up to the end, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Some rain in the middle of the season caused some concern, but the warm, dry weather that followed dried out the canopies and continued the grapes' path to ripeness. This season's longer hang time translated to perfect phenolic maturity and once the 2018 wines were in tank, we were pleased with the concentration showing so early.

### Wine Data

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Grignolino

**AVA:** St. Helena, Napa Valley

**Alc. by vol:** 13.5%

**pH:** 3.10

**TA g/L:** 7.1

**Aging Regime:** Fermented and aged 4 months in 100% stainless steel tank.

**Stewardship:** Certified organic by CCOF; Fish Friendly Farming

**Harvest Date:** September 28 to October 1, 2018

**Release Date:** March 1, 2019

**Cases produced:** 1,280

*Founded in 1961, Heitz Cellar is a Napa Valley legend that has helped shape the history of Napa Valley winemaking. Pioneering vintner Joe Heitz ushered in Napa's modern era with his iconic, globally-celebrated wines, including Napa Valley's first vineyard-designated Cabernet Sauvignon, the renowned Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard. In 2018, the winery entered an exciting new chapter as the Heitz family passed this rich legacy into the hands of the Lawrence family, whose deep roots in agriculture and commitment to the same core values of fine winemaking made it a perfect match. Made with an unwavering commitment to quality from organically farmed, 100% Napa Valley fruit, Heitz celebrates its agrarian roots and commitment to the stewardship of Napa Valley.*