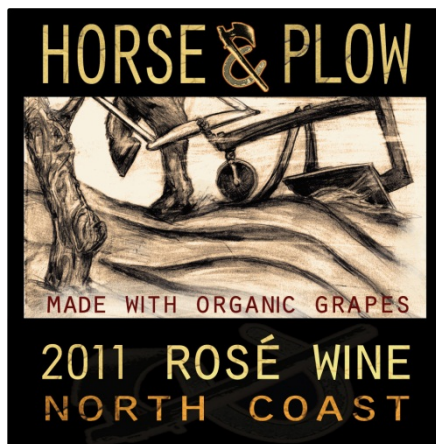


# HORSE & PLOW

HANDCRAFTED WINES FROM ORGANIC GRAPES

## 2011 Rose Wine, North Coast-Certified Organic



### ANALYSIS

**Varietal Composition:** 75% *Carignane*, 15% *Syrah*, 10% *Grenache*

**Vineyards:** *Testa Vineyards, Grist Vineyard*

**Appellation:** *North Coast*

**Farming:** *Certified Organic-CCOF*

**Harvest Date:** *10/14/11*

**Harvest Brix:** *21.6 Brix*

**Winemaker:** *Chris Condos*

**Fermentation:** *25% French Oak & 75% Stainless Steel Barrels*

**Alcohol:** *12.9%*

**TA :** *.72 g/100mL*

**pH:** *3.32*

**Production:** *175 Cases*

*This dry rosé is a blend of Carignane, Grenache, and Syrah. Most of the fruit comes from Testa Vineyards which is located in Calpella, Mendocino County and has some of the oldest organic vines in the North Coast. The grapes were handpicked, destemmed, and cold soaked on its skins for 12 hours. It was then pressed and fermented using a mixture of native and cultured yeast in French Oak barrels. Bright pink in color with strawberry and rhubarb on the nose & palate. Dry, with balanced acidity, a perfect wine for sipping on a warm day.*

HORSE & PLOW WINERY is a small husband and wife run winery in Santa Rosa that focuses on making handcrafted wines exclusively from organic and biodynamic grapes. Chris Condos and Suzanne Hagins started Horse & Plow in 2008 making only 600 cases of wine and are currently making 2500 cases. Chris started making wine in 1995 at Pine Ridge Winery in Napa Valley. He is also co-owner of Vinum Cellars, which he started in 1997, as well as the winemaker for Kathryn Kennedy Winery. Suzanne's first harvest was in 1998 at Comte Armand in Pommard, with California experience at David Bruce and Goldeneye. She is also the owner and winemaker for Lutea, founded in 2004, which produces organically grown pinot noir. We utilize organic farming, small lot fermentations and traditional techniques to make balanced, food friendly and site specific wines. Our goal is to make world class wines from organically grown grapes. We feel that in addition to the environmental benefits of organic farming, the resulting wines show more varietal character and sense of place. All wines are made naturally from vineyard to bottle.



### **TESTA VINEYARD: Mendocino- Certified Organic**

**Varietals:** *Petite Sirah, Grenache, Carignane, Charbono, & Zinfandel.*

Testa Vineyards is located in Calpella, Mendocino County and has some of the oldest organic vines in the North Coast. The vineyard was planted in 1912, by Gaetano and Maria Testa using Belgian draft horses and today is farmed by their great grandchildren, Maria and Rusty. The Testa family takes great pride in maintaining the vineyards, where they employ labor intensive, hands on, old world, traditional and organic farming techniques. These old vines produce only 1-3 tons of very concentrated grapes per year.