

# 2012 Jorian Hill “Hope Springs Eternal” Rosé Santa Ynez Valley

## Philosophy

Jorian Hill is dedicated to crafting exceptional hillside-grown, Rhône-varietal wines using fruit from our Ballard Canyon estate vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley. To highlight the diversity of the vineyard, the Jorian Hill team farms block-by-block and works in small lots. This wine was made in two lots. The first was from a section of Grenache that was specifically picked early to highlight this wine's bright, fresh aromatics. The second lot was made using the saignée method, with juice for this vibrant rosé bled off from select lots of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre after a modest 24-30 hours of skin contact. In order to preserve the naturally high-tone and floral aromatics, this juice was given a long (20 to 25 days), cool fermentation (55 to 60° F) in stainless steel tanks, followed by further aging in all stainless steel. This special, small-production wine is named in loving memory of our dear friend Hope Rosen.

## The Vineyard & Vines

This wine reflects a careful selection of our Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre lots most suited to creating a bright, floral rosé with excellent purity of fruit. Practically speaking, this means that these lots generally came in with lower sugar, higher acids and lower pH, qualities that reinforce the lithe and lively character of a great rosé.

## Tasting Notes

The 2012 vintage was perfect for making a pure and poised dry rosé. The color of a fresh cut watermelon, this inviting wine reveals lovely layers of ripe summer strawberries, cool wet stone, sandalwood and saltwater taffy. An early pick of Grenache for this wine, combined with a second lot which was allowed additional ripening, has yielded a rosé that is light on its feet, without sacrificing depth and complexity. The finish is filled with sweet fruit, mouthwatering acidity and a mineral snap.

## Technical Information

Cases:	46
Composition:	63% Grenache, 28% Syrah, 9% Mourvèdre
Alcohol:	12.5%
pH:	3.20
Total Acidity:	0.78 mg/100ml
Suggested Retail:	\$18

