

2019 Ruth Lewandowski Wines *Rosé Cuvée Zero*
Rorick Heritage Vineyard / Fox Hill Vineyard
Calaveras + Mendocino, California
Growers: Matthew Rorick and Lowell Stone



The Vineyards

Fox Hill - Mendocino

Soil: Sandy/rocky clay loam. Alluvium, derived from sedimentary rock, mainly sandstone
Aspect: south-facing slope, hilltop, north-facing slope
Vine training: single vertical cordon (step-pruned)
Vine age: ~38 years

Rorick Heritage Vineyard - Calaveras

Soil: Sandy loam above a fairly rare (for the Sierra Foothills, anyway) outcropping of limestone.
Aspect: Upland valley
Elevation: 2000ft
Vine training: head-trained, cane-pruned
Vine age: ~18 years

The Winemaking

39% Rorick Heritage Vineyard Tinta Roriz, 35% Souzao & 26% Touriga Nacional from Fox Hill
Tinta Roriz direct whole cluster, bladder press (no skin contact)
Souzao/Touriga foot trodden, then bladder pressed post 2-hour maceration
natural primary fermentation, no temperature control or winemaking aids of any sort
full native malolactic conversion
6 months on lees, one racking
bottled unfinned/unfiltered mid-March
no sulfur

The Numbers

Harvest Date: Rorick – August 20th; Fox Hill - September 18th 2019
Brix at Harvest: Rorick – 21.0; Fox Hill – Combined 22.3
pH 3.45
TA: 7.32 g/L
ABV: 11.8%
Total SO₂: none detectable
Total Cases Produced: 554 cases

