

The Valle Seco Estate

- **Founded** - Valle Seco is a family owned and operated winery established in 2009 by Federico Lencioni & Francisco Sarabia.
- **Region and grape source** - Estate vineyards in Valle Seco
- **Vineyard location, elevation and grape varieties** - Their southeastern facing vineyard site is located 18 miles from the Pacific in Valle Seco at an elevation of 1,800 ft. Soil is composed of decomposed granite, sand, and some clay. The vineyard is farmed organically is the only vineyard in the entire valley, so there is no possibility of being contaminated by the less scrupulous practices of your neighbors. They work with Mourvèdre, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah.
- **Winemaker - Sergio Heras** - Argentinian, now a Mexican citizen
- **Notes** -
 - in 2009 by Federico Lencioni & Francisco Sarabia to plant a vineyard in their vast highland ranch. They had noted for years that this parcel was consistently covered in fog and breezy throughout the morning, two traits that made it ideally suited for a vineyard site. Since then it has been a bit of a fairytale success story for these ranchers turned winemakers whose grapes have been sold and used in wines that have consistently won top awards in every competition they entered. Selling grapes was never their plan A, and in 2018, when the vineyards had reached a level of maturity that they felt confident in, they started making their own wine.
 - Winemaker/enologist Sergio Heras, has been making wine Northern Baja for over a decade and is one of its most well-respected winemakers
 - Today they make 4 wines: They use certified organic yeast to make the Rosé and the Tinto while the Mi prima Vera is fermented on ambient yeast and left unfired and unfiltered as a natural wine.
 - The vast highland plain where the winery is located has better water reserves than most of the viticultural regions of Northern Baja, and it is accessed by a pump powered by the wind. That's right, the windmill that appears on their logo is an image of the windmill that was erected nearly 100 years ago and still serves to pump up the water from the underground aquifer for use in the winery. Sustainable? Yes.

Total production: 29 acres under vine, 4 wines, 1,200 cases



2024 Rosé - Valle Seco

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:

Like the 2023 before it, this is another stunning rosé. A joyful as it is complex, there's really nothing you might want a rosé to deliver that this doesn't bring to the table. As the 2024 vintage was particularly good for the vineyards at higher elevations, you can expect the best for this estate in 2024, but it's especially true in the rosé.

223 cases made

Drinking window: upon release - 4 years

Vintage:

2024

Blend:

100% Mourvedre

Producer:

Valle Seco

Winemaker:

Sergio Heras - Argentina (lives in Valle de Guadalupe)

Vineyards:

Estate vineyard in Valle Seco – Valle Seco is a high elevation valley which lies above Valle de Guadalupe and is where the Guadalupe river originates. Elevation is 1,800 ft, and the soil is largely granite with some clay. The oldest vines were planted in 2008.

Winemaking:

The grapes were harvested by hand on September 18th in the night to preserve maximum freshness. Clusters were destemmed and grapes sorted by hand before crushing. With the intention of making a very light beautiful Provencal style rosé, the juice was pulled away from the skins almost immediately to allow only a small amount of pigment in the wine. The wine was fermented in open top stainless steel tanks for 3 weeks at the lowest temperature possible to give the wine the maximum time to develop complexity of aroma and flavor. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was racked off the lees and left to rest in a stainless tank for 2 months before bottling.

Sulfites: 15 ppm

Farming:

Organic, sustainable

Alcohol:

13.4%