



RUCKSACK CELLARS

Comfortable and worn, a rucksack embodies our desire to discover life away from the ordinary. It is with this same spirit of discovery that we produce our wines, each an expression of the varied climate and soils of the Sierra Foothills appellation.

2015 Rucksack Cellar Barbera Rose

Vineyard/Appellation: The Cardanini Vineyards located in the heart of the Camino/Fruitridge belt of the El Dorado Appellation was planted in 2001. At an elevation of 3,000 feet, the slightly south-facing slope of the vineyards has a moderate temperature, pairing perfectly with the Aiken Clay soil series (volcanic) of the region. With a vertical-shoot-positioned trellising system and north-south orientation, the emphasis is on getting morning sun on the fruit and shade in the afternoon. A near-perfect location for Barbera, the essence of the high-tone fruit and minerality is always evident.

The 2015 Vintage: From the get-go, you can sense the essence and focus of this wine simply by the color alone. The brilliance of its traditional onion-skin hue alludes to the vibrancy and elegance of this Rosé. High-toned aromas of tart strawberry and kiwi balance beautifully with more opulent canned cherry and grapefruit characters. The palate, with its invigoratingly dry (0.1% R.S) entry is unquestionably bright, racy and fresh. The fruit builds from a pie cherry extract to flavors structured in lemon, citrus and grapefruit. The finish is tart, inviting the taste buds to take just one more sip. A perfect food wine with grilled sausages and fish, serve it slightly chilled and enjoy.

Average brix at harvest: 23.5

Appellation: Sierra Foothills (El Dorado)

T.A. 1.0%, **pH:** 2.96, **Alcohol:** 13.4%

Final Blend: 99.5% Barbera, 0.5% Yellow Muscat

Cases produced: 144 cases

