



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.

2016 Rucksack Cellars 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 2016 Vintage: This vintage hits the mark with its vibrancy and richness, both as an expression of the growing season and the variety. The aromas highlight the high-tone freshness of strawberry and raspberry with an enveloping kiwi/citrus character rounding out the edges. It's the palate, though, that sets this wine apart. This wonderful yin-yang balance of a rich entry and bracing minerality on the finish makes this Rosé unique. Hints of rhubarb and grapefruit meld together on the first sip, providing the segue into a sweet-tart mid-palate lemon and citrus. Texturally, the wine is rich yet the dryness and acidity move it completely into a racy Rosé. And note! Don't serve this wine too cold, but instead slightly chilled. The experience is equally refreshing but with more layered fruit characters!

Average brix at harvest: 24.8

Appellation: Sierra Foothills (El Dorado)

T.A. 0.8%, **pH:** 3.08, **Alcohol:** 14.4%

Final Blend: 100% Barbera

Pair With: Rich dishes with a hint of spice like Paella or summer pastas with grilled meats

Hold Time: 3-5 years

Cases produced: 102 cases

