



Space Park Enology Club Presents
DeRose Winery, Cienega Valley
with owner/winemaker Alphonse DeRose
Friday, May 19th, 2023, 7:30 pm



DeRose Vineyards is located in the Cienega Valley about 25 miles East of Monterey Bay and is founded on land rich in winemaking history. Since 1854, when French immigrant Theophile Vaché began hauling his wine to market in San Juan Bautista, the property has survived several changes in ownership, a few major earthquakes and the age of prohibition. Prized by generations of vintners for its temperate climate and great soil, it is an ideal location for growing wine grapes.



William Palmtag, a German immigrant, acquired the property from Vaché in 1880 and produced very high-quality wines, winning silver medals at the 1900 World Exposition in Paris. The winery changed hands a few times over the next 80 years until the DeRose family purchased it in 1988 and began running the 50 acres of dry-farmed old vine vineyards. Winemakers Pat and Alphonse manage the estate where 9 varietals are organically farmed and dry farmed till this day.

The vineyards are planted in sandy, loamy soil that allows for good drainage and allows grapes to grow on their own roots rather than phylloxera-resistant rootstock. As a result, they extract more intense flavors from the soils. The 25-mile proximity of the vineyards to the coast brings cool afternoon maritime breezes that preserve acidity and develop thicker skins for more color and body. The grapes are picked ripe, but not overripe, and are fermented with native yeasts and native malolactic cultures.

The winery is solar powered and environmentally friendly. Wines are racked and transferred using only gravity and pressure. They are aged for 12 months in French oak, held for at least a year prior to release, and are bottled unfinned and unfiltered. The DeRose wine style is big and bold with soft round tannins. The winery produces 5000 cases a year and plans on staying the same size. They look forward to you discovering what the Cienega Valley has to offer.



Our virtual tasting features 4 DeRose wines, tasted in this order:

1. 2018 Chardonnay,
2. 2018 Super Tuscan Blend,
3. 2020 Cabernet Franc,
4. 2019 Old Vine Zinfandel.



To order the 4-bottle bundle: Send email to info@derosewine.com or call **831-636-9143**. Tell them you are with the **Space Park Enology Club** to receive the discounted price:

\$100.00, including tax, plus shipping

Order by Friday, May 12th to ensure on-time delivery!

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<http://spenology.org/schedule.php>