Drink This: Suhru Wines 2022 Rosé

The addition of 14% La Crescent brings additional briskness and citrus notes to this cab franc-merlot rosé



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I guess La Crescent is Suhru Wines' new secret sauce in the cellar. Earlier this year, the winery released its first La Crescent (a wine made by assistant winemaker Brad Ulrich from Finger Lakes-grown fruit). Now, the winery's newest rosé features 14% of the University of Minnesotadeveloped hybrid grape in the blend.

I like what it brings to the table.

Suhru Wines 2022 Rosé (\$19*) is made from 58% cabernet franc, 28% merlot, and that 14% La Crescent. I've probably tasted more La Crescent-based wines than most Long Island wine drinkers — but I can definitely pick it out on the nose with it's bright, lemony citrus — but there are also the expected red raspberry and strawberry aromas too.

Brisk and fresh, the lighter-bodied palate shows a similar combination of lemon and strawberry flavors with some subtle earthiness and herbal notes that emerge only as the wine warms. The snappy acidity really stands out here, making this one of the most refreshing rosés I've tasted this spring. Plus, I'm always happy to find wines like this for under \$20.

Suhru Wines 2022 Rosé

Region: North Fork of Long Island AVA (New York)

Grape(s): 58% cabernet franc, 28% merlot, 17% La Crescent

ABV: 12%

TA: 6.23 g/l

pH: 3.24

RS: 0 g/l

Production: 116 cases

Rating: 89 points

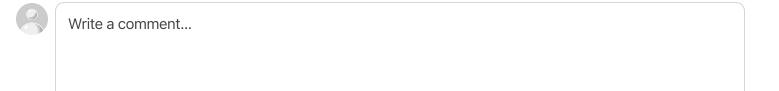
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It's great to see someone on the North Fork use a hybrid for a first-line release. Mostly, I've seen only things like Cayuga used to produce Summer grillers and picnic wines. (I might be too harsh here--I could easily have missed some other offering.) But this sounds like a serious wine! La Crescent is generating a lot of talk, that's for sure!

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