

**Verdad****2006 Rose
(Arroyo Grande Valley)**

When Louisa Sawyer Lindquist of Verdad decided to pursue her dream of Spanish varietals in California, she went straight for her first love, Albarino. For her red wine, Tempranillo was the obvious choice. Both varietals were seriously underplanted in the state. But she also wanted a refreshing rosé, the kind she had enjoyed on her visits to Spain.

She learned her Spanish lessons well and it shows in this wonderfully salmon hued Rosé, primarily made from Grenache (Garnacha in Spain). A very stylish wine, it shows aromatics of strawberry, raspberry and maraschino cherry, along with a floral lilt. Lively in the

mouth, with a pleasant creaminess (from 1/3 malolactic fermentation), the vibrant flavors are of just-picked red berries, watermelon and wood spice, the latter from its time in neutral French oak barrels. A great party quaffer, but with some complexity from darker fruit flavors on the finish and more substance and structure than most pink wines.

Reviewed October 4, 2007 by [Dennis Schaefer](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Verdad](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Rose

Appellation: [Arroyo Grande Valley](#)

Grapes: Grenache (85%), Mourvedre / Mataro (15%), Tempranillo / Valdepenas

Price: \$15.00

THE REVIEWER**Dennis Schaefer**

Dennis Schaefer has been tasting and writing about wine for over 30 years, propelled by a continuing curiosity and burgeoning enthusiasm for discovering what's in the bottle. Blessed with catholic tastes, he enjoys everything from the obvious to the sublime. A

major requirement is that the vineyard, winery and winemaker consistently perform well and fulfill their potential. Balance, concentration and complexity are key to the tasting experience but, in the end, the purpose of wine is simply to give pleasure.