

Pacific Rim WINE COMPETITION

Wine tasting Notes by Amy Mullally, CS & WSET Diploma, Professional Wine Judge

**Winner: 2018 Pacific Rim
International Wine Competition**

Best of Class - Rose

2017 Eberle – Cotes du Robles Rose – Paso Robles, California

Made with 60% Syrah, 37% Grenache, and 3% Viognier. Gary Eberle is a pioneer in the valley, and his meticulously crafted wines deliver year after year. A Perennial winner, this year's Rose is no exception: fresh black cherries, violets and peppercorn from the Syrah, beautiful strawberry notes from the Grenache, and bits of lifted orange blossom and marmalade from the Viognier act as the pretty ribbon on a handsome gift box. The palate is dry, yet rich and almost tropical with apricot, hints of pineapple and all the red berried fruits of the Western coast. The finish just goes on and on. You can taste the pedigree of the fruit from Gary's vineyards here in the length and the texture: smooth, concentrated and long lasting. We like this Rose for simple hot summer suppers: New York strip off the grill, sliced and placed atop a fresh garden salad with cherry tomatoes and homemade blue cheese dressing. Perfection.

