



THE ELDER PINOT ROSÉ 2018



REGION - Martinborough

WINEMAKER - Paul Mason

VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard

CLONES - Abel, 115, 667, 114

HARVEST DATES – 31st March, 3rd & 7th April 2018

HARVEST ANALYSIS - pH: 3.43, TA: 6.45 g/L, Brix: 23.3

OAK MATURATION - None

WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.32, TA: 5.32 g/L Alc: 13.5%, RS: 1.5 g/L

BOTTLING DATE - 17 September 2018

TASTING NOTES

Bright, pale pink in colour with aromas of strawberry, cherries and watermelon on the nose. On the palate the wine is dry to the taste with layers of red fruits and a lovely soft richness helping fill out the wine. This creates a delicious medium bodied Rosé with texture and weight. Serve chilled anytime now and for the next 2-3 years.

THE SEASON

A warm settled spring with no frosts and very little wind provided an excellent start to the season. The lovely weather continued through into summer giving us favourable fruit set in all varieties and everything was looking very positive. February threw us a curveball with high humidity and rainfall was three times higher than the monthly average, meaning extra vineyard work was needed to thin canopies and bunches. The harvest commenced on 15th March, some ten days earlier than average and was over by the 9th April. Overall a very promising vintage with bright fruit expression, low acids and supple tannin structure.

THE CELLAR

The pinot blocks were hand harvested and destemmed in the winery. We split the grapes into two portions. The larger first portion was pressed after 24 hours on skins to give fruit vibrancy and purity. The second portion was left on skins for 3 days before racking off some clear juice to lend weight and texture. The two fractions were then fermented together to create a Rosé with classic varietal berry fruit aromatics and weight and richness on the palate. Fermentation was carried out at cool temperatures and the wine was bottled after four months aging on lees.

THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located on an elevated river terrace at the southern end of the Te Muna Valley, at the confluence of the Ruakokopatuna and Huangarua Rivers. The grapes are grown following organic principles in the most sustainable manner possible, with minimal use of irrigation.

Wine from Martinborough, New Zealand

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