



THE ELDER PINOT ROSÉ 2019



REGION - Martinborough

WINEMAKER - Paul Mason

VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard

CLONE - Dijon 115

HARVEST DATES - 7th & 10th April 2019

HARVEST ANALYSIS - Brix: 23.1, pH: 3.52, TA: 6.10 g/L

OAK MATURATION - None

WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.44, TA: 5.20 g/L Alc: 13.5%, RS: 0.9 g/L

BOTTLING DATE - 17 September 2019

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

This was a season of two halves. Spring was wet and cool with much of the region suffering damage from a late frost on the morning of 19th October. The rains came in late November and continued right through to Xmas, making it one of our wettest Springs on record. From January onwards the classic Wairarapa summer kicked in, with long warm cloudless days being the norm. Abundant sunshine plus plenty of soil moisture gave us a vigorous vineyard canopy to deal with, all the way through the second half of the season. 2019 was one of our earliest harvest starts, with picking commencing at the end of March and finished by mid-April. Crop levels were notably lower but concentration is excellent, with the wines looking well structured, and rich with lovely vibrant depth of flavour.

THE CELLAR

The pinot blocks were hand harvested, destemmed in the winery and then left on skins for 48 hours before pressing off. The juice was cool fermented in stainless tanks to create a Rose full of classic varietal berry fruit aromatics with weight and richness on the palate. We bottled the wine after 4 months ageing 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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