



THE ELDER PINOT ROSE 2017



REGION - Martinborough

WINEMAKER - Paul Mason

VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard

CLONES - Abel, UCD 5, Dijon 115

HARVEST DATE - 21 April 2016

HARVEST ANALYSIS - pH: 3.38, TA: 7.05, Brix: 24.0

OAK MATURATION - None

WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.58, TA: 5.00 g/L Alc: 13.5%, RS: 3.0g/L

BOTTLING DATE - 19 August 2016

TASTING NOTES

Bright, pale pink in colour with aromas of strawberry, cream and cranberries on the nose. On the palate the wine is dry to the taste with layers of red fruits and creamy notes. This creates a lovely medium bodied Rose with soft texture and weight combined with a soft velvety acidity. Serve chilled anytime now and for the next 2-3 years.

THE SEASON

The 2017 season was a challenging and complex vintage in Martinborough. The season started off with a roar, with warm spring conditions and settled weather providing an ideal growing environment. As the New Year rolled around the expected traditional warm summer weather only arrived in fits and starts, resulting in little stress on the vines and good canopy growth. Yields were down slightly due to the sporadic summer but with the lack of late summer heat the lower crop levels were a blessing. The vineyard required a lot of extra work to maintain quality. All this hard work was worth it as we harvested lovely ripe grapes at the end of April around a week later than the long term average.

THE CELLAR

The pinot blocks were hand harvested and destemmed in the winery. We split the grapes into two portions. The first was pressed after 24 hours on skins to give fruit vibrancy. The second portion was left on skins for 5 days before racking off a portion of clear juice. This portion gave us weight and texture and was then fermented together with the earlier pressed juice. Together this has created a Rose with classic varietal berry fruit aromatics and weight and richness to the palate. Fermentation was carried out at cool temperatures and the wine was bottled after four months aging on lees.

Wine from Martinborough, New Zealand

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