



## THE ELDER PINOT ROSE 2020



**REGION - Martinborough**

**WINEMAKER - Paul Mason**

**VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard**

**CLONE - Dijon 114 & 667, UCD 5**

**HARVEST DATES - 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**HARVEST ANALYSIS - Brix: 23.3, pH: 3.44, TA: 6.00 g/L**

**OAK MATURATION - None**

**WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.34, TA: 6.20 g/L Alc: 14.0%, RS: 2.1 g/L**

**BOTTLING DATE - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**TASTING NOTES:** Bright, vibrant pink in colour with aromas of cherries, redcurrants 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:** 2020 will be remembered as a truly unique vintage with the worldwide impact of Covid19 falling right in the middle of our harvest. Fortunately we were able to work through lockdown (as an essential industry) and complete what has turned out to be very a high quality vintage. Spring was generally benign - there were several light frost events, none of which were damaging, but we did endure some very strong winds during this time. We then experienced a prolonged dry spell from mid-December right through to late March where we only recoded 38mm of rain. This long extended, dry, warm summer was ideal for ripening with beautiful weather experienced right through April to enable us to pick all fruit in perfect condition. The wines look generous with lovely deep colour, fleshy fruit and silky tannins and a brooding weight and richness to them.

**THE CELLAR:** The grapes were hand harvested, de-stemmed in the winery and then left on skins for 24 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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