



# THE ELDER PINOT NOIR ROSE 2022



**REGION - Martinborough**  
**WINEMAKER - Paul Mason**  
**VINEYARD NAME - Hanson Vineyard**  
**CLONE - Dijon 115 & 667**  
**HARVEST DATES - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**HARVEST ANALYSIS - Brix: 21.6, pH: 3.53, TA: 7.10 g/L**  
**OAK MATURATION - 4 months in 4 year old French barrels**  
**WINE ANALYSIS - pH: 3.64, TA: 5.80 g/L Alc: 13.5%, RS: 1.1 g/L**  
**BOTTLING DATE - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**TASTING NOTES:** Light salmon pink in colour with aromas of cherries, watermelon, strawberries and candyfloss 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 complex yet delicious medium bodied Rosé, with texture and weight. Serve chilled anytime now and for the next 2-3 years.

**THE SEASON:** 2022 will be remembered as a crazy, roller-coaster of a vintage! The season started well, with above average warm and dry weather prevailing through much of spring. Rain came in mid-December but by this stage most of the flowering had completed and we were looking at an excellent crop. The second half of the growing season was much trickier. One of the wettest Februarys on record saw constant rainfall throughout the month, resulting in very challenging conditions. With a huge effort in the vineyard, focussing on keeping only the cleanest ripest bunches on the vines, we were able to harvest some lovely fruit. The vineyard team were very happy and somewhat relieved.

**THE CELLAR:** The pinot noir fruit was hand harvested, partially destemmed in the winery and then gently pressed. The juice was cool fermented in stainless tanks and then aged for 4 months in old French oak barrels to create a Rosé rich with classic varietal berry fruit aromatics, with weight and richness on the palate. Bottled after four months barrel 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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