



TASTING NOTES

Mission Estate Rosé 2018

Viticulture

Syrah, Merlot and Tempranillo were sourced off premium Hawke's Bay vineyards for this Rosé. The vines are predominantly located within the iconic Bridge Pa triangle. These vines had their crops thinned early in the season to ensure low yields of intensely flavoured fruit. Leaf plucking was employed to expose the fruit to encourage ripening during the very hot summer of 2017/18.

Winemaking

The grapes for this wine were specifically targeted with the intention of producing a premium Rosé. This is a key factor in crafting a high quality Rosé. All too often Rosés are simply a by-product of the red winemaking process. By deliberately targeting this fruit for Rosé production we were able to treat it appropriately. This process protects it from oxidation from the moment of harvest, pressing the grapes as they arrive at the winery as well as the clarifying of the juice and inoculating for fermentation. This preserved the vibrant fruity aromas and flavours and kept the palate delicate and soft. We selected a highly aromatic yeast strain and fermented at cool temperatures. This Rosé is 88% Syrah. Syrah produces a lovely Rosé due to its naturally high levels of acid, bright purple/pink juice and fruity aromatics. The result is a vibrantly aromatic wine with a beautiful pale pink hue and a fresh, juicy palate.

Tasting Notes

The colour is pale pink with tones of rose-gold and copper. The nose is sweet and lifted with intense aromas of crushed raspberries, watermelon and peach. The palate just off dry and the natural fruit sweetness is balanced with a mouth-watering acidity that gives the wine a juicy sensation. The phenolics are soft yet present, filling the wine out and adding length to the flavours of crushed berries and watermelon.

Cellar Potential

Whilst beautifully fresh and vibrant young, this wine will still be appealing after 2-3 years.

Alcohol 12.5 %

Acidity 5.75 g/l

Residual Sugar 5.75 g/l

Ph Level 3.3

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