

GLADSTONE VINEYARD

2019 Estate Rosé

Tasting Notes:

Fresh strawberries and raspberries burst from the glass mingled with layers of vanilla and white chocolate, subtle floral notes and a sophisticated mineral streak. A generous core of berry fruit gives way to an elegant acid structure, length and balance.

Wine Information:

Vineyard: Dakins Road & Cottier Region: Wairarapa, New Zealand

Varietal: 44% Pinot Noir, 30% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 13%

Winemaking/Production:

The grapes were crushed and left to soak for two hours to impart a pretty light salmon pink blush before being pressed. The juice was then cold settled for 24 hours, racked of lees and fermented with specially-selected Rosé yeast strains. A cool fermentation was maintained to keep the delicate colour and vibrancy of the fruit intact. The Pinot Noir component was barrel fermented with wild yeasts to give weight, complexity and texture, whilst the Merlot & Cabernet Franc where tank fermented to extract the ripe, plush & invigorating red fruits.

Winemaker's Notes:

"I'm a lover of all things rosé so it was a very easy decision to make an outstanding rosé with a little bit of a twist to spark some interest and intrigue amongst the rosé lovers. The use of barrel in rosé production is starting become a new trend that certainly elevates and enhances the profile to what is deemed typical and stylistic of such a category. Capturing the intense and rewarding red fruit profiles from the Cabernet Franc & Merlot was the easy job, but deciding to incorporate some barrel influence with the Pinot Noir was a risk that turned out to reward very much so! The vanilla and white chocolate notes become so captivating in the glass and marry perfectly with the ripe, vibrant red fruits making me a very happy camper and something I can sit and sip all day long" - Eddie McDougall





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