



HATTINGLEY VALLEY

Rosé 2020 - Tasting notes

A very delicate pale pink colour. Bright red fruit, strawberries and raspberries with a note of pomegranate on the nose. Pink grapefruit on the palate balanced by a touch of sweet marshmallow. Slight earthy texture, sweet, fresh hay with a creaminess from the oak element.

Vintage

Spring frosts in late April and early May, slightly reduced the crop for some of our vineyard sites. We then saw an almost perfect growing season with ideal weather conditions throughout, unseasonably warm weather from late spring and into summer, a few days of rain in August and a mini heatwave in September, which led to the earliest harvest in our history with little disease pressure and clean fruit, bursting with flavours and superb levels of ripeness. The drier-than-average season meant that the bunch weight was smaller, so the overall yield was lower than in 2018 and 2019, a blessing after two such bumper years.

Production

The Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes were hand picked and gently whole-bunch pressed. Approximately 20% of the blend was fermented in 4-5 year old Burgundy barrels, adding a lovely texture and richness to the wine, and only 4% of the total blend went through malolactic fermentation in order to help softening the wine's natural acidity. The wine spent 8 months in tank and barrel before tirage where 1% of Pinot Précoce (having been vinified as a still red) was added to enhance colour and give extra vibrant red fruit flavours. The wine undergoes second fermentation in bottle and ageing on its lees for 24 months before disgorging.

Pairing

Pair with scones, jam and cream (in that order!) for an indulgent afternoon tea. Or as an ideal starter with parma ham, paté and other charcuterie (in any order you like!).

Drinking window

Ideal for drinking this year and for many years to come.



Technical Information

Varieties –
Pinot Noir 66%
Pinot Meunier 33%
Pinot Noir Précoce 1%

Alcohol (ABV) – 12.1%
Acidity – 8g/l
Wine pH – 3.01

Residual sugar – 6.4g/l
Vegetarian/Vegan – Yes
Contains Sulphites

Top awards to Date

(including previous vintages)

Whilst our Rosé has won a total of 42 medals and 5 trophies, these are our most coveted awards.



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