

2021 SAINT CLAIR PIONEER BLOCK ROSÉ

An elegant and refined Rosé showing lifted floral notes laced with flavours of strawberries and cream.

REGION:

Lower Wairau – Rapaura

TERROIR:

Soils: Well drained stone and sand alluvium

Topography: Flat.

Climate: Typical climate from within Marlborough's Wairau Valley of very warm days followed by cool nights.

REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND CONTRIBUTION TO UNIQUENESS OF FLAVORS:

Warm days and cooler nights with well-drained stone and sand alluvium all contribute to the small berries which gives this wine concentration, flavour and complexity.

VITICULTURE:

A Rosé made utilising 100% Pinot Noir taken from a single vineyard when the grapes reached optimum ripeness and flavour intensity. The fruit was specially selected and machine harvested in the cool of the night in order to retain fresh fruit flavours.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes spent a few hours on skins to extract the soft pink colour then were gently pressed. After settling the juice was fermented in a stainless steel tank at cooler temperatures to retain aromatics, fruit flavour, and freshness. The wine was kept on its lees to help with texture then stabilised, filtered and carefully prepared for bottling.

COLOUR:

Pale pink with slight copper tinge.

AROMA:

Delicate floral notes of rose petals laced with ripe strawberry punnet.

PALATE:

A delicious palate showing strawberries and ripe raspberries. The light and creamy palate has a refined seamless structure showing freshness and further berry fruit, with a long and elegant finish.

AGEING POTENTIAL:

Perfect for drinking immediately this wine will be at its best over the next two years.

WINE ANALYSIS:

Alcohol 11.11%, pH 3.44, Total Acidity 5.6g/L, Residual Sugar 1.9g/L

FOOD MATCH:

Perfect as an aperitif or matched with fresh fish and summer salads.



Winemaker

Kyle Thompson