

## 2018 Luna Estate Rose



Luna PINOT MEUNIER  
ROSÉ 2018  
MARTINBOROUGH · NEW ZEALAND

### Vintage and Vine

Ample winter and early spring rains made parts of the vineyard inaccessible for machinery in the early part of the growing season. Conditions changed to extreme dry with a mini drought and well above average temperatures into late October and November. Good even budburst followed by an excellent fruit set, combined with rapid shoot growth promising an excellent crop. Alas, the weather turned again! High and frequent rainfall combined with high temperatures created a nightmare scenario in the vineyard; Everything grew like crazy, and disease pressure was very high! The team worked like mad and made the best of a difficult season. Harvest in the end was two –three weeks ahead of normal. For us at least we harvested some fantastic flavours for the most part, with some blocks looking the best I have ever seen them!

### Winery

The Pinot Meunier was hand harvested at the Blue Rock vineyard and gently whole bunch pressed. Press cut was made at 2 bar to separate hard press which was sent to barrel. Main cut was sent to tank for cold settle. Fermentation was long and cool, followed by 3 months on lees. Wine was racked and blended with barrel fermented hard press fraction for added texture. Lightly fined with bentonite, followed by gentle crossflow filtration. No animal products used. Lightly sulphured.

**pH 3.2**

**T/A 5.2**

**RS > 1.0 g/l**

**Alc 12.5%**

### The Wine

The appearance is a lively copper wire hue

The nose is perfumed and aromatic; rose petal, blossom, peaches and cream with delicate Turkish delight undertones. The palate is delicate, soft and seamlessly textured. Acidity is integrated and balanced, weaving its way with the texture to a dry almost powdery finish. Delicate raspberry and rosewater flavours persist.