



THE ELDER PINOT ROSE 2016



REGION	Martinborough
WINEMAKER	Paul Mason
VINEYARD NAME	Hanson Vineyard
CLONES	Abel, UCD 5, Dijon 115
HARVEST DATE	21st April 2016
HARVEST ANALYSIS	pH: 3.38 - TA: 7.05 - Brix: 24.0
OAK MATURATION	None.
WINE ANALYSIS	pH: 3.58, TA: 5.00 g/L Alc: 13.5%, RS: 3.0g/L
BOTTLING DATE	19th August 2016

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Elder Pinot Rose is bright and pale-salmon in colour, with aromas of strawberry, raspberry and watermelon on the nose. Dry to the taste, with richness and body, layers of red fruits and creamy notes and a backbone of soft acidity provide texture and weight to the wine. This is a moderately full bodied, elegant and complex style of Rose. Serve chilled now or anytime over the next 2-3 years.

THE SEASON

The 2016 season was highlighted by the El Nino weather pattern, bringing with it long sunny days and little rain. This gave us one of the driest summer and autumn periods on record, with only 228mm of rain compared to a long-term average of 500mm. The warm and sunny conditions continued right through the harvest, enabling picking to take place at optimum ripeness. 2016 is another excellent vintage for Martinborough, with forward fruit expression, soft rounded tannins and lovely elegance.

THE CELLAR

The pinot noir vines were hand harvested and the bunches destemmed in the winery. We left the juice on skins for 5 days before racking off a portion of clear juice to a small tank to make the Rose from. This has given the wine generous colour but also enhanced the strong berry fruit aromatics whilst giving weight and richness to the palate. Fermentation was carried out at cool temperatures and the wine was bottled after four months aging on lees.

THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located on an elevated river terrace at the southern end of the Te Muna Valley, at the confluence of the Ruakokopatuna and Huangarua Rivers. The grapes are grown following organic principles in the most sustainable manner possible, with minimal use of irrigation.

Wine from Martinborough, New Zealand

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