



Grapes  
100% Merlot

Region/Appellation  
Hawkes Bay

Alcohol by volume  
13.00%

Residual Sugar  
3.9 g/l

pH  
3.44

Total Acidity  
6.1 g/l

Drinking Window  
2024 - 2023

Tasting Guide

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Dry				Medium			Sweet

Tasting note printed  
30/04/2024

# Rosé 2021 6x75cl

## Winemaker Notes

This dry style Rose is widely regarded as New Zealand's premium Rose and has won many awards since its first vintage in 1991. It is an excellent choice with many foods or as an aperitif. It is a beautiful pale pink, dry to taste with aromas and flavours of redcurrants, strawberry and peach.

## Vineyard

This wine was grown in two inland merlot vineyards. Both produce a full favoured and elegant Rose. They are gravel based river terraces, one at Puketapu, the other one on the banks of the Ngaruroro River on Ohiti Road. Intensively managed with both shoot and bunch thinning practised, allowing us to pick fully ripened grapes at low sugars in the pursuit of an elegant and dry style Rose.

## Winemaking

The individual vineyard parcels were pressed immediately upon arrival at the winery, resulting in juice with little colour or tannin. After settling the juice bright, the fermentation was conducted at low temperatures to capture the vibrant red fruit flavours we seek in our Esk Valley Rose. The ferment was stopped when almost dry, leaving a small quantity of residual sugar to balance the natural acidity.

## Food match

### Fish/Shellfish

Serve chilled and enjoy with salmon, smoked fish, cured meats, white meats and Summer salads.

