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## HAWKES BAY ROSÉ 2018

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### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Champion Rosé - Hawkes Bay A&P Bayleys Wine Awards 2018

Champion Commercial White or Rosé Wine - Hawkes Bay A&P Wine Awards 2018

### VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

This wine is produced from two cooler inland Hawkes Bay Merlot vineyards, each selected for its ability to produce a full flavoured and elegant Rosé. The vines are grown on stony river terraces and managed intensively with both shoot and bunch thinning practised, allowing us to pick fully ripened grapes at low sugars in our pursuit of an elegant and dry styled Rosé.

### WINEMAKING

The individual vineyard parcels were pressed immediately upon arrival at the winery resulting in juice with little colour or tannin. After settling bright the fermentation was conducted at cool temperatures to capture the vibrant red fruit flavours we seek in our Esk Valley Rosé. The ferment was stopped when almost dry, leaving a small quantity of residual sugar to balance the natural acidity. The wine was left on yeast lees and stirred until bottling in August 2018.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

This dry style Rosé is widely regarded as New Zealand's premium Rose having won many awards since its first vintage in 1991. It is an excellent choice with most food styles or as an aperitif. Aromas of strawberry, red currants predominate in the full flavoured, medium-bodied wine.

### FOOD MATCH

Serve chilled with salmon, smoked fish, cured meats, pork or white meat dishes and summer salads. Also great as an aperitif.

### IDEAL DRINKING

2018 - 2019

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Hawkes Bay

Variety: Merlot

Oak Use: NA

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.44

Total Acidity: 5.5g/L

Residual Sugar: 5.1g/L



Contains sulphites. Suitable for gluten free diets.  
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