

Wither Hills

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND

2016 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

Established in 1994, with vineyards strategically sited throughout Marlborough's Wairau Valley, Wither Hills has always been dedicated to the philosophy that exceptional wines are 'created in the vineyard'. Named after the landmark Wither Hills range that borders our vineyards, our expert team grow and craft exceptional wines that reflect our unique sense of place. Complex and full of character – this is the beauty of Marlborough in a glass.

WINEMAKING

Strategically situated vineyards were chosen for this 100% Rosé of Pinot Noir from the Wairau Valley. The fruit was harvested at optimum ripeness for a fresh vibrant style of Rosé. The berries were gently pressed, cold settled, racked and cool fermented with selected yeast strains to enhance the unique aromatics and flavors. After fermentation the wines remained on light yeast lees to enhance palate feel and structure. The wines were then racked, blended, filtered, and bottled to retain & capture the lovely freshness of Marlborough Rosé.

VITICULTURE

Marlborough began the season with cool temperatures and frost alarms sounded throughout the spring months. This proved to be a particularly challenging time with hard frosts occurring when vine shoots had just escaped their buds. Fortunately no damage was sustained and crops were left to ripen unhindered. This cold snap in early spring eventually gave way to warmer temperatures which persisted for the duration of the season and favorable conditions during flowering led to a successful fruit set.

A large rainfall event in the New Year gave vines a much needed drink and some reprieve from the drought conditions that had plagued the district over the previous 18 months. The warm conditions that continued during the autumn months meant there was little pressure during picking and that the grapes were rip when it came to harvest. With 2016 being one of the warmest seasons on record, the bountiful crops were given ample time to reach optimum maturity under marginal disease pressure.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Fresh watermelon pink in color with an enticing subtle crushed ice blue hue, this Rosé of Pinot Noir is refreshing in style with perfumed aromas of rose petals, wild strawberries, fresh raspberries, and white peaches. The palate is elegant, reminiscent of summer berries, with a delightful creamy texture and superb length balanced nicely with bright acidity. This dry style of Rosé is a perfect accompaniment to beautiful summer days. Sally Williams

Technical Info	
Alc /Vol	12.5 %
Brix @ Harvest	21-23
pH	3.52
Titratable Acidity	5.13 g/L
Residual Sugar	4 g/L

