

Wither Hills

MARLBOROUGH NEW ZEALAND

2019 WITHER HILLS ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR WAIRAU VALLEY, MARLBOROUGH

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

VITICULTURE

The 2019 vintage was a season of two halves with high rainfall over flowering in November, resulting in a poor set and subsequently lower yields. With low rainfall and elevated temperatures in January/February this resulted in enhanced ripening. The flow-on from the hot dry weather over January and February was that we started harvesting at Wither Hills earlier than ever before. Harvest kicked off on the 21st February and the weather played its part through most of harvest, with only small and short periods of rain, which was in great contrast to the 2017 and 2018 vintages. Lower yields mean that flavours came on fast and it was all hands to the decks to capture those vibrant flavours at just the right time. Fruit flowed into the winery at a steady pace through the harvest period and the 9th April saw us bring in our last load of fruit. The Pinot Noir fruit was the stand out and looks great, it really shows that classic Marlborough style.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES **2019 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR**

"This mouthwatering Pinot Noir Rosé is refreshing and dry in style with perfumed aromas of rose petals, summer berries, white peaches and strawberries and cream. The palate carries on those delightful summer berries with subtle creamy texture and superb length balanced nicely with a refined acid backbone. Summer in a glass, this dry style Rosé is the perfect year-round." Matt Large, Winemaker.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Alc / Vol: 13.0%
Brix @ Harvest: 21 – 23
pH: 3.5
Titratable Acidity: 5.31
Residual Sugar: 3 g/L

AVA: Marlborough
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir



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