



2020 Paddy Borthwick Pinot Rosé

Region: Gladstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand



Tasting notes: Raspberry and cherry fruit, candied apple and watermelon aromas. Good palate weight, fresh raspberry flavour, finishing with blackberry tartness. Fermentation was in stainless tank, before a portion was transferred to older French oak barrels for a short period to add texture to the palate.

Vintage Conditions: The growing season for the 2020 vintage saw little to no rainfall in November and December 2019. This produced slightly shorter canopy heights, but provided ideal conditions for fruit set. The low rainfall continued for the remainder of the season into late March, leading to earlier flavour development in the grapes and no disease pressure. Grapes were picked between March 18th and April the 8th 2020. All fruit harvested was ripe, overall a quality vintage.

Viticulture: A number of different Pinot Noir clones are selected for the Rosé; we feel this adds layers of flavour to the resulting wine. Two vineyards provided the fruit for the 2020 Rosé.

Winemaking: Two techniques were used to obtain the juice for the Rose ferments. Berries were crushed and pressed for one portion. For the other portion, different pinot noir vats were selected and after a few hours of skin contact a small volume was drawn off each and combined. The juices were settled and then racked to stainless tank for fermentation.

Oak Handling: One batch finished ferment in older French oak barrels and was then aged for 2 months before blending.

Analysis:

Alcohol: 13.5%
Total acid: 5.6g/l
pH: 3.31
Residual sugar: Dry

History: Established in 1996, proudly family owned and managed, Borthwick Vineyard produces wines that are a direct reflection of the Gladstone region, New Zealand. Ancient stony, alluvial soils, a cool climate, sustainable practices and minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery, mean our wines display distinctive single vineyard characteristics.

