

# Pā Road

## Pā Road Marlborough Rose 2020

Winemaker's technical and tasting notes



### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### Variety

80% Pinot Noir

12% Riesling

8% Merlot

#### Vineyards

51% Wiffen Vineyard, Wairau Valley

40% Mathews Lane Vineyard, Wairau Valley

9% Malthouse Vineyard, Wairau Valley

#### Wine analysis

Alc – 13.0%

pH – 3.20

T.A – 6.8 g/L

R.S– 4 g/L

### Vineyards

The fruit for this Rosé was sourced from three complementary vineyards sites located in Marlborough's Wairau Valley. The Pinot Noir vineyards were selected for their vibrant fruit expression and soft, silky tannin profiles. The Riesling was included to add aromatic and floral freshness and intensity. The Merlot was included in the blend for its pink coral contribution to the colour and generous red berry fruit flavours.

The Pinot Noir vineyards were picked over a 12 day period starting 17th March and finishing on the 29<sup>st</sup> March. The Merlot and Riesling blocks were picked a bit later on the 2nd April.

### Winemaking

The Pinot Noir and Merlot fruit was crushed and then soaked in the press for half an hour to extract some colour and flavour from the skins. The juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to preserve the fresh aromatics and retain pure fruit expression. The Riesling was fermented separately and added to the blend to tighten the acidity and increase the aromatics.

### Tasting note

With its pink salmon colour and copper hues, this Rosé is a sophisticated, crisp and easy drinking wine. Initial aromatics of watermelon and florals. The palate displays bright primary fruit, refreshing acidity and a medium body. Fresh raspberries, red apple, and cranberry are complimented by florals and spice.

### Vintage summary

The growing season was cooler than recent seasons, although still above long-term averages. Once again there was very little rainfall during the ripening period, which enabled the fruit to be picked clean and ripe. A classic Marlborough vintage with ripe fruit and bright fresh acids. The wines display great aromatics and fruit purity, with lovely cool climate tension.

### Resources

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