



WINERY | VINEYARD | FARM



Flavour Profile

Produced from Pinot Noir (95%) and Pinot Gris (5%) the juice was drained immediately on arrival at the winery with half the wine receiving a light press to provide a pale coral pink colour. The Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris were co-fermented in tank using an aromatic yeast. Our 2023 Rosé exhibits fragrant fresh summer red berry fruits on the nose that combines beautifully with an intriguing mix of spice and savoury. The wine is dry, vibrant and perfect for those hot summer days.

Winemaker Notes

2023 was a favourable vintage for North Canterbury, not dissimilar to the 2022 vintage where the region had to negotiate some rain events early season. Vintage itself was relatively straight forward with a few rain days interspersed with fine warm days. Veraison was unusually long given a cool damp period from the end of January to mid-February. Expectation was for an earlier vintage but the slightly cooler lead in provided an extended ripening period and pushed out harvest by 10 days. This enabled the fruit to fully ripen and be picked with optimum flavour. The aim of our 2023 Rosé is to align with the colour profile of the Provence style Rosé – that being a light coral pink. To achieve this, both the Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris were drained immediately upon arrival at the winery. Half of the juice was lightly pressed with the balance being free run juice only. Inoculated with an aromatic yeast and fermented at a steady 120C, the Rosé was fermented to dryness then aged on its lees for a further 4 weeks to build texture and mouthfeel. The Rosé was bottled in September 2023 to retain maximum freshness and vibrancy.

The Perfect Match

Our Mt Beautiful Rosé pairs perfectly with fresh salmon, shellfish or a spicy refreshing salad.

For The Aficionado

Pinot Noir (65%)

Planted 2004-2019
9 blocks, 27.7 ha (68.5 ac)
907 rows, 98,572 vines
Spacing: @2.0 x 1.0 m
Yield: 6 T/ha (2.5 T/ac)

Pinot Gris (11%)

Planted 2005-2006
Block used: O
Spacing: @2.4 x 1.5 m
2,777 vines per hectare
Yield of 5.58T/ha (2.25T/ac)

Mt Beautiful consists of a single estate vineyard set across 85Ha of undulating slopes and aspects creating a unique tapestry of flavours. Both the Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris are planted on the Southern section of the vineyard. This has the highest elevation and produces extra heat accumulation and less frost risk.

The Pinot Noir is closely planted to reduce vigour and enable lower per vine yields enabling the fruit to achieve the physiological ripeness we were looking for in our Rosé. The Pinot Noir blocks were chosen based on three of Mt Beautiful's oldest (Block M, N and X) that are planted with a mixture of clones (115, 5, 6, Mariafeld, Abel) and combined with one of our young vine blocks planted with 115, 667, 5, Abel, 10/5, 777, 943. What this offers in the Rosé is a wonderful medley of clones and a true vineyard blend. Each clone offers something different – fruit flavour, spiciness, savoury notes and acidity.

The Pinot Gris planted on a North facing slope consists of the Berrysmith, Orville and GN 2-21 clones giving slight differences in their flavour profiles and were harvested at the same time as the Pinot Noir as the key to this blend is the co-fermentation of both varieties providing complementary roles of aromatics and phenolic mouthfeel to the wine.

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Appellation

North Canterbury

Analysis at Bottling

Alcohol 13.0%
TA 6.5 g/L
RS 1.5 g/L
pH 3.38

Bottled

7 September 2023

Production

1,100 cases

Suggested Retail Price

16.99 USD
20.50 NZD

