



## FOOD MATCH

This is an outdoors summer wine! Late afternoon bbq fare and good company is what I'd recommend.

## TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 12.5 %  
Total Acid: 7.0 g/L  
pH: 3.35  
Residual Sugar: 13 g/L  
Bottled: Oct 23

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## VINTAGE & VINE

There is a saying in the wine industry – “There are no bad vintages, just the odd challenging one”. Vintage 2023 here in Martinborough would certainly fit into the challenging category. The now infamous triple dip La Nina certainly lived up to the hype. Persistent rainfall and high temperatures are not conditions that favour grape farmers. It took all of our collective skill and hard work to pull the crop through.

Winemaking can be a tough trade and unlike beer or gin makers we only get one shot each year to create our product, and it's all about the quality of the fruit! If mother nature does not abide then tough luck, you gotta work with what you get.

Upon reflection, Vintage 2023, whilst very challenging and far from “classic”, was actually very successful, for us at least. Certainly a tale of two vineyards; our Blue Rock Vineyard performed extremely well and quality was outstanding. Less so our Eclipse vineyard, although there were some excellent pockets, particularly Chardonnay. The biggest take home for me personally was the excellent, never say die attitude of our team. We rallied hard, we doubled down and we never gave up! It is true that adversity builds strength and resilience.

Making awesome wine from the tougher seasons is what this job is all about! Bring on the next vintage.

## WINERY

This seasons Rose was crafted primarily using the Pinot Meunier growing on our Blue Rock Vineyard. The fruit was whole bunch pressed to avoid over extraction.

Free run and light pressed juice was sent to a temperature controlled stainless steel tank for long, cool fermentation.

The harder pressed, darker coloured juice was fermented in seasoned 500L oak.

Included in the final blend were two 500L barrels from our sparkling base wine stock.

## TASTING NOTE

Clear, bright appearance with a lively copper wire colour.

Lifted and bright aromatic floral notes, almost botanic sort of gin and tonic like scents, gentle raspberry and some pink grapefruit themes as well. In short, very much a summer by the pool feel.

Tastes like it smells! Really juicy and delicious with a lovely soft almost pillowy feel on the pallet;a tangy, grapefruity, energetic acidity keeps the it all fresh and moreish. Lovely balance offlavours and feelings.