



# HUNTER'S WINES

MARLBOROUGH

Jane Hunter

## PINOT NOIR ROSÉ

2017

*French in style with fresh summer fruits and a dry finish.*

### TASTING NOTES

100% Pinot Noir, Hunter's Rosé shows a traditional pale pink colour which alludes to the fresh summer berry aromas of strawberry, raspberry and red plum. The palate is full and round with a long crisp finish. The mouthfeel is wonderful and expresses summer to the senses. It's the perfect summer wine!

*We love this wine lightly chilled served as an aperitif or with fresh summer foods such as seafood, salads and Mediterranean dishes.*

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date	March 2017
Alcohol	13%
Total Acidity	5.5 g/l
Residual Sugar	0.3 g/l
Bottling Date	July 2017

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Spring was dry to start the growing season and late frosts in early December threaten but didn't impact and fruit set was great. Some rain during the growing season in January provided plenty of nutrients and juicy weight to the fruit. A hot and dry summer delivered a harvest as smooth as can be with continuous fruit supply keeping the winery busy. Overall, we received slightly above average yields with optimum quality fruit.

### VINIFICATION

Our goal is to preserve all the fresh characters we taste in the vineyard. We study all the fruit very carefully before deciding when to pick – we only have one chance each year. We pick in the cool of the morning and process the fruit under anaerobic conditions. Pinot Noir is grown specifically for this Rosé so that we can maintain a sensible alcohol level and present a balanced wine. The cool fruit is de-stemmed and allowed to soak on the skins until we have the pale pink colour we desire. The fruit is then lightly pressed and fermented at lower temperatures to maintain its true fruit expressions. The wine spends a short time on lees to nurture its youthful character before the wine is cold stabilised, racked and filtered prior to bottling.

### ACCOLADES

**GOLD** - New Zealand International Wine Show 2017

**TOP WINE & TOP VALUE, 4 STARS** - WineNZ Magazine, Summer 2017/2018

*Simon Nash: Nice colour, bright. Dry, quite grippy. Nice mouth feel, good texture, berry character. Good length, creamy elegance.*

*Dave McKee: Pale salmon, cherry/plum fruit. Residual sugar/acid balance is good and finishes bright and fresh. Best of all, it has a long finish.*

*Barry Rivai: Lifted red nose, berry fruits. Very clean and crisp yet fully ripe. Some good fruit here that gives fruit sweetness without sugar sweetness. Great carry of flavour."*

**5 STARS** - Peter Saunders, Independent Author & Journalist, Oct 2017

*"Very nice, subtle rose, tasting near dry and with the freshness we would expect after half a year. A delicate, after-work style or afternoon wine with antipasto or light finger food on a lazy weekend; through 2018."*

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## ACCOLADES CONTINUED

### 4 STARS - Raymond Chan, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews, Oct 2017

*"Bright, very pale salmon-pink colour, lighter on the rim with purple tints. The nose is fresh with fragrant aromas of strawberries and cream melded with lifted red florals and some confectionary element. There is good depth to the aromatics. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the palate has delicate flavours of strawberries and cream with soft red floral notes and confectionary nuances. The fruit forms a gently concentrated core and line, with building fruit intensity. The wine flows smoothly with positive drive, carrying to a lingering, fragrant finish of florals and confectionary. This is a delicately flavoured dry rosé with strawberries and cream notes entwined with floral and confectionary elements on a gently concentrated, smooth palate. Serve as an aperitif and with canapes and antipasto over the next 2 years.*

### BRONZE – Air New Zealand Wine Awards 2017

