

Hawkshead Pinot Rosé 2019

The Story

Today Hawkshead is a 'Single Estate' Vineyard in the Gibbston Valley on State Highway 6, 25 km east of Queenstown as the valley gently falls to the Kawarau Gorge. Located on the 45th Latitude the Hawkshead Vineyard enjoys a near continental climate. Warm days and cool nights evoke memories of Burgundy and our grapes, on the north-facing slopes benefit from all year sunshine. A long dry autumn, accompanied by warm daylight temperatures, ensures slow ripening and intense flavour development for our high-quality fruit. Hawkshead specializes in growing Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris grapes and is recognized for producing award winning wines in New Zealand and overseas.

The Vineyard

The soil types of the Gibbston Valley are from the 'Pigburn' series. They contain up to 400-500 mms of windblown glacial deposits, overlaid with around 4-5 meters of free draining alluvial schist. The vineyard site is between 390 and 410 meters above sea level, and on average is likely to 'experience' 870 – 930 Growing Degree Days. Rainfall each year is approximately 650mm. Working within these parameters is challenging but we have an excellent team dedicated to producing the very best wine. Like the extreme adventure tourism Queenstown is famous for, growing grapes in this environment is an exciting business. 45 degrees south is right on the edge for viticulture.

Winemaking

100% Pinot Noir selected for Hawksheads Rosé wine; the fruit was left for five days to accentuate a carbonic maceration; the bright ruby fruit was then 100% destemmed and rested on skins to obtain color and aromatics for three days followed by a light pressing. Indigenous yeast fermentation stopped at 2 – 3g/l residual to achieve balance and direction. A further resting on lees for three months and final filtration took place before bottling.

Tasting Note

A wine of class and elegance, it is vibrant, crisp and dry - in short, a sexy little number. The nose of our dry style Pinot Rosé takes you into a sun-drenched summer meadow filled with wild strawberries and mouth-watering watermelon. Hints of creamed caramel intensify these indelible summer perfumes. The palate has layers of juicy red berries, subtle spice with gentle acidity and delicate, creamy texture. Our limited release Pinot Rosé is rich, round with ample tension and poise. A great food wine, aperitif or you can even have it instead of afternoon tea.



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Alcohol Percentage	13.5 %
Residual Sugar	3 g/L
T.A.	6.8 g/L
Aging Potential	7 + years



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