

# Joel Delaunay 2018 Rosé 'Le Grand Ballon'

WineWise Code	FJD-GBR18
Country	France
Region	Loire
Color	Rosé
Alcohol by Volume	12.5
Acidity	3.99
Residual Sugar	3.6
Closure	Screw-top
Annual cases produced	5000
Varieties	70%Gamay, 25%Cabernet Franc, 5%Malbec
Maceration Notes	Direct pneumatic press
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	20 days at 14 °C
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	4
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Cultured
Lees Contact or Stirring	On fine lees
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type(s)	Clay with Silex
Elevation (meters)	138
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine age (years)	25
Vine Yields hl/ha	45
Farming practices	Sustainable
Vine Training Notes	Guyot simple
Grape Picking	Machine

## Notes from the producer:

The property has been passed from father to son for 5 generations. In 1965, Joël Delaunay settled down and gives the domain the name that we know today. He began marketing in bottles in the early 1970s and expanded to retail and export sales in 1980. Back in 1991, I left in the Bordeaux wine school in Montagne-Libourne to spend my BTS viticulture-œnologie in 1993. In 1994, I did my internship for six months in Saint-Emilion and then I came back to work on the family estate in Touraine, the Domaine Joël Delaunay, and became a co-owner with my parents in 1998. For 50 years, he continued to enlarge the Domain by purchasing vines and constructing a sales cellar and modern winery. Commended by the International Wine Challenge 2019. Obtained Gold Medal in Gilbert & Gaillard Wine Guide 2019.



## WineWise Notes:

Pale but definite pink wine artfully blended from Cabernet Franc, Côt and Gamay to a delightfully sprightly effect. It sports that inimitable Loire tension between fruit, acidity and earth components.

Thierry Delaunay has firmly established the estate he runs with his father in the forefront of this sprawling appellation. The village of Pouillé where he resides is home to several of the top Touraine growers and would seem to be exceptionally privileged, perhaps by dint of its relative elevation. His Sauvignon has developed a devoted following over the last few years for very good reason.

