



LEVANTINE HILL

2017 Rosé



Vintage	2017
Varietal Blend	Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Pinot Noir 10%, Merlot 8%, Cabernet Franc 1%, Petit Verdot 1%
Clone(s)	SA125, MV6, 8R, 1334, and G7V1 respectively
Harvest date	14 March – 15 April 2017
Bottling date	20 September 2017
Oak treatment	25% of the Cabernet Sauvignon portion and all of the Pinot Noir were wild-fermented and aged briefly in old French oak barriques. The balance was entirely made in stainless steel
Alcohol content	13.5%
Residual sugar	<1.0g/litre
Preservatives	Sulphur dioxide (220)
Ageing potential	Five or more years

Winemaking

50% of the fruit for the blend was whole bunch pressed, with the balance of juice derived from saignée (“bleed-off”) of crushed fruit immediately after processing. Predominantly ambient-fermented in stainless steel using a neutral selected cultured yeast. Blended and bottled in mid-September 2017. The wine was allowed to complete full malolactic fermentation.

Winemaker’s notes

Our Estate Rosé is now in its sixth vintage of our unique stylistic venture, adopting and hybridising the traditional Rosé styles from northern Spain and southern France. It is a complex Rosé of serious character and intensity, beginning with aromas of strawberry, cranberry and quince. Layered on these primary characters are subtle lifted notes of Turkish delight and watermelon. Savoury aromatics of musk stick and caraway are underpinned by enticing summer fruits and further entice the senses. A tension between richness and bright freshness creates a deep palate which is long and focused. The wine’s weighty texture melds seamlessly with tart red berry fruits; it lingers long and resoundingly, leaving the drinker intrigued and needing more.