

# BLUE EARTH ESTATE ROSÉ

• 2022 •

*Wine From Martinborough, Aotearoa New Zealand*

## TASTING NOTES

Light salmon pink in colour with aromas of cherries, strawberries and candyfloss on the nose. On the palate the wine is dry to the taste with layers of red fruits and a lovely soft richness helping fill out the wine.

This creates a delicious medium bodied Rose with texture and weight.

Serve chilled anytime now and for the next 2-3 years.

## THE VINEYARD

This family owned and operated vineyard is on an old river terrace at the south end of Te Muna Valley. The stony soils with an underlay of limestone, a gentle north facing slope and exposure to westerly winds produce low volume crops of high intensity.

## VINIFICATION

The pinot blocks were hand harvested, partially destemmed in the winery and then gently pressed. The juice was cool fermented in stainless tanks and then aged for 4 months in old French oak barrels to create a Rose full of classic varietal berry fruit aromatics with weight and richness on the palate. We bottled the wine after 4 months ageing on lees in barrel.

## THE SEASON

What a crazy, roller-coaster of a vintage! The season started off well with above average warm and dry weather prevailing through much of spring.

Rain came in mid-December but by this stage most of the flowering had completed and we were looking at an excellent crop.

The second half of the growing season was where the ride got even trickier. One of our wettest February's on record saw rain fall constantly throughout the month and resulted in us experiencing very challenging vineyard conditions. A huge effort and focus in the vineyard on dropping any diseased bunches and leaving only the cleanest ripest bunches on the vines meant we crossed the finish line of harvest with some lovely fruit and a very happy and somewhat relieved vineyard team.

Overall the wines look fruit forward and approachable with not as much structure as the last three vintages. Whilst the harvest may not go down as a classic, there is some purity to the wines that also show as very varietal in nature that reflect the hard work that was put in throughout the growing season.

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## INFORMATION

**REGION:** Martinborough

**OAK MATURATION:** Four months in 4-6 year old French oak barrels

**VINEYARD BLOCK:** Hanson Vineyard

**CLONE:** 115, 667

**HARVEST DATE:** 28th March 2022

**HARVEST ANALYSIS:** 21.6 Brix 3.53 pH 7.10 g/L TA

**BOTTLING DATE:** 26th August 2022

**WINE ANALYSIS:** 3.64 pH 5.8g/L TA 13.6% Alc 1.1 g/L RS

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