

2018 MIXED BY D J DEADLY KEYBOARD ROSÉ

VINTAGE

Another cracking vintage for the Barossa with crop levels about average. Warm days and cool nights were the norm over the growing period and at harvest allowing the grapes to slowly accumulated great flavour and natural acid retention. Quality across the board was excellent with all varieties producing intensely coloured, perfumed wines that have elegance and finesse.

VINEYARDS

The Grenache for this Rosé was picked from the same site as the Paisley Velvet Grenache, however the fruit is picked earlier to ensure lower alcohol levels, brighter colour and great fresh acidity. The vineyard is at the Southern end of the Barossa which has classic Grenache growing soil, a sandy loam over clay. Grenache vines planted in this soil type produce awesome quality wine. The 70-year-old vines this wine is made from have very low crops, with only a few bunches per vine, resulting in wines with amazing flavour, texture and character.

WINEMAKING

This Rosé is produced by the technique used by all the great Rosé makers in the world. The grapes are crushed, chilled and go straight into the press. The grapes are left on the skins, with the press rotated every so often, until the juice has acquired the appropriate flavour and hue. The Grenache is then gently pressed with the "hard" pressings fraction discarded. The wine then is settled and racked. About 10% solids goes in with the clear juice to add some texture and interest to the palate. Once fermentation is complete the wine is stabilised, racked and filtered to preserve the natural fruit and vibrancy of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Pale pink/salmon in hue. The nose has lifted notes of wild strawberry and orange rind. The palate is vibrant and fresh with good complexity. There is rose water, pink grapefruit, musk, eucalyptus, cinnamon spice and some candied fruit. As the wine plays across the tongue the textural elements of the wine become evident. This textural element not only adds interest to the palate but also makes it "food friendly". The wine fishes clean and balanced with good length of sweet berry fruit.

