

2018 KUMEU ROSÉ

SUSTAINABLE WINE NZ REGISTRATION NUMBER: NZWBCB9B7B43

Winemakers Notes

Our 2018 Rosé has been assembled from around 80% Malbec and 20% Merlot, all from our “home vineyard” in Huapai, which as of Nov 2016 falls into the officially registered Geographical Indications (GI) area called Kumeu. We handpicked the Malbec on March and the Merlot on March . Both parcels were whole bunch pressed. This has allowed us to achieve the lovely pale pink colour we so desired. The wine was tank fermented and then stabilised before bottling in August of 2018.

Analysis

Alc 12.5% **Acid** 7.8 g/L **Res Sugar** 2 g/L **pH** 3.40

Tasting Notes

Colour: At bottling this wine was a delightful pale pink. At the edge it has a pale purple iridescence. This is from Malbec. We call it the ‘Malbec ring of confidence’.

Bouquet: Clean and fresh and dominated by summer red fruit aromas.

Palate: This wine is full-bodied for a rosé. It has real richness and weight on the palate. It has a refreshingly juicy acid profile and a dry finish.

Cellaring

Rosés are usually best drunk when they are young and fresh. However, experience tells us that our Huapai Rosés age very well.

Suggested Wine List Description

Independent Reviewer’s Comment

“It is delicately lifted on the nose showing raspberry, white flesh nectarine, grapefruit and apple characters, leading to a vibrant palate that is juicy and pristine. The wine offers youthful charm and bright fruit flavours, backed by crisp acidity, finishing lingering and mouth-watering. At its best: now to 2020.” Sam Kim

Awards

4.5 Stars/91 Points - Wine Orbit, Jan 2019

89 Points – The Real Review, Nov 2018