



SAORSA

2022 ROSÉ OF SYRAH

HAWKE'S BAY

VINEYARD- Grown in the unique steep hillside vineyards of Roy's Hill. These hill sites overlook the mighty Ngaruroro River and the surrounding famed Gimblett sub region. Fruit picked from a cooler gently sloping plateau block situated above the lowest terraces. This site provides both intense sunlight and gentle cooling winds to produce the finest hillside Rosé possible. Syrah grown on sandstone over limestone soils provide intensity of fruit, texture and acid retention. Picked early for aromatics, freshness and delicacy.

GROWING SEASON- 2022 was a very intense and challenging season! After a few years with drought conditions prior Hawke's Bay saw a warm and dry winter season continuing to an early bud burst in the vineyards. The growing season was also warm and dry leading to the start of harvest. Early on there was unsettled weather at harvest which continued leading to a cool vintage. 2022 shows great aromatics and a marked delicacy in the wines.

VINIFICATION- Hand harvested 14th March and transported to the winery where the fruit was gently whole bunched pressed and run to tank. The fresh juice was gravity settled overnight with no additions and racked the following morning to a single 500 litre neutral puncheon. Fermentation to dry was slow and gentle with indigenous yeast and the wine progressed through indigenous Malo-lactic fermentation. Remaining in barrel Sur Lie before being racked to tank to naturally gravity settle, bottling with no fining, light filtration and only a small addition of sulphur.

Alcohol- 12.0%