

2017 BLADEN PINOT ROSE

BLADEN WINES, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND



THE WINE:

This 100% Pinot Noir Rose was made from fruit from a single vineyard, the Bladen Estate vineyard, an 8 acre property planted in 1989. The 2017 harvest was slightly later than normal due to cooler end of season conditions and less than normal sunshine. The harvest was done by hand as was the de-stemming followed by a gentle press with only about 2-3 hours of skin to juice contact. Fermentation occurs in stainless steel and the wine was bottled on August, 10th 2017 without any contact with oak. Less than 400 cases were made in 2017.

THE ESTATE:

Bladen wines was established back in 1989 when Dave and Christine Macdonald left their lives in the city to follow their passion and dream of growing grapes and making wine. Along with their two children, Blair and Deni (whose names combine to form the genesis of the Bladen wines) they set forth on this adventure and settled in the Marlborough region along the banks of the Wairu River Valley. The first vineyard was planted all by hand in 1989. Today, under the guidance of winemaker Rowan Langdon and the consulting winemaker Sam Smail, Bladen wines produces small quantities of high quality wines from sustainably grown vineyards. The main varieties they produce are Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurtztraminer and Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: salmon with a blush pink hue

Aromas: bright red fruits; strawberry and raspberry with hints of fresh picked thyme

Flavor & Texture: juicy and tart with citrus and melon flavors showing lively acids and a crisp, thirst-quenching finish

Food Pairing: watermelon and feta cheese salad with grilled chicken and slivered almonds

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