

LA LÍNEA

Adelaide Hills Tempranillo Rosé ✦ 2016



Tempranillo rosé! Why? Our history...

We pioneered Tempranillo rosé in Australia, making it for the first time in 2007. It has always been based on a specific vineyard near Echunga, which grows fruit of great perfume and fine structure, perfect for rosé. We wanted to make a unique dry wine that spoke of its variety and origins, while being downright delicious.

To that original site we have now added fruit from a very tidy little block at Macclesfield, and another couple of blocks (both from the same well-established grower) in the Torrens Valley, near Birdwood. Both offer fruit of distinctive perfume, gentle colour and tannin, and terrific acid retention.

All are critical for our style.

Our style and sources—and the '16 vintage...

The 2016 vintage—thanks to an even but generally above-average temperature summer—was the earliest on record. If not for some serious (and seriously welcome!) rain just before vintage, it might also have been one of the driest. We picked on the 12th, 16th and 17th of February—probably the best part of a month before we might have expected to, a decade ago.

Climate change? Perhaps. A change that we need to adapt to, but which is much less a threat due to the fact that our home is the fresh and cool Adelaide Hills? Definitely.

Apart from working with more growers, and learning how their vines behave, we have changed our approach very little over several seasons. For that reason we have again produced a deliciously fresh and distinctive, bone-dry rosé.

The nose is typically powerful, with hints of musk, red apples, watermelon and raspberry. All of these characters flow through onto the palate, which is crisp, even and refreshing, with our signature ripple of tannin from judicious skin contact prior to pressing. Fine, dry, fragrant, and beautifully varietal.

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- Recommended retail: **\$22.00**
- Wine details: **12.5% v/v; RS 0.8 g/L; pH 3.37; TA 6.6 g/L**

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