



HEDGES

Family Estate

2018 DLD Le Rosé

AVA: 74% Red Mountain, 24% Columbia Valley

Winemaker: Sarah Hedges Goedhart

Blend: 50.4% Syrah, 26.6% Grenache, 12.2% Mourvedre, 11.8% Counoise

Production: 490 cases

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.55

Titrateable Acid: 5.6 g/L

Tasting Notes:

Pale peach coral color. Freshly harvested peach and strawberry are offset and complimented by a slight herbal and celery character. It's almost like smelling a ripe early summer garden. There is peppery spice, a little honeydew melon, and a hint of tangerine zest. The first sip has a nice citrus, herbal character, and the summer fruits show through on the mid-palate. The finish on this wine really shows that rosé can be a fun wine but also have some complexity. It's got citrus excitement with a bit of pithy texture and some nice pepper spice. Gorgeous color, intriguing aromatics, and it just feels really good on your palate. This is an OMG kind of wine, the first bottle will go fast, second might go even faster; with friends you better stock up!

Cellaring:

For optimum fruit flavors and aromas, drink now or within the next year.

Production:

Grapes are from Les Gosses, Elephant Mountain and Red Path vineyards. Crushed and pressed on 9/6/17. Co-fermented at a low temperature until it reached dryness on 10/10.

Harvest Notes:

The 2017-2018 winter was extremely mild, fairly dry, and quite the opposite of the snow and ice ravaged winter we saw the year before. This mild winter really tricked the vines and other early spring bud pushing plants to sprout out quickly. Hedges's estate vineyards were pruned early (beginning in late January) in anticipation for this early bud break and the vines really responded well. We added a few more Biodynamic practices into the mix, such as home-brewed horsetail tea spray, which helped us escape some mildew pressure in June. The heat of summer and long sunny days advanced ripening, but the maturation period of early September and October was mild, which made for a harvest that you could pick fruit at a slow and steady pace. Overall the 2018 vintage is going to be a good one!

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