



2015 Pink Claw Grenache Rosé

2014-2015 Growing season

Good early winter rains throughout June and July replenished soil moisture. August was dry, and the vines shot into life in September with a nice even budburst considering the cooler than average minimum spring temperatures. Welcome rain fell during flowering with no major impact on fruit set.

Warmer than average maximum temperatures were seen throughout late spring and early summer, encouraging ideal ripening conditions. The weather pattern then changed, turning cool after a rain event on 9 January and we experienced cooler temperatures throughout the month. This was ideal weather conditions, allowing the vines to maintain leaf function and general health as we approached the ripening period.

February saw a return to above average temperatures and this combined with very healthy canopies brought on fruit maturity beautifully. The vineyard was entirely handpicked with each parcel of fruit carefully selected. Harvest of the Shiraz started on Monday 16 February and continued through until the last Shiraz was picked on Wednesday 25 February. The Grenache was picked on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 of February for rosé.



Region	Heathcote (Drummonds Lane)
Alc	14%
Res. sugar	0.14g/l
Tit. Acidity	4.4gl
pH	3.76
Winemaker	Tom Carson
Viticulturist	Vin Harrop
Harvested	25 & 26 February

Winemaking

Hand harvested from our vineyard on Drummonds Lane in Heathcote, the fruit spent a few hours on skins for colour and flavour extraction and was then pressed to tank to complete fermentation. It spent 3 months on lees (no oak, 100% stainless steel).

Tasting note

The resulting wine has bright raspberry aromas and a crisp, dry, palate – with crunchy red berry fruit and a refreshing, savoury finish. It is bone dry, savoury and perfectly suited to modern Australian cuisine.

Pink Claw has been created by the Kirby family, founders of Yabby Lake, to help raise awareness of breast cancer which directly affects thousands of Australian families each year. A portion of the profits from the sale of this wine goes to Breast Cancer Network Australia.